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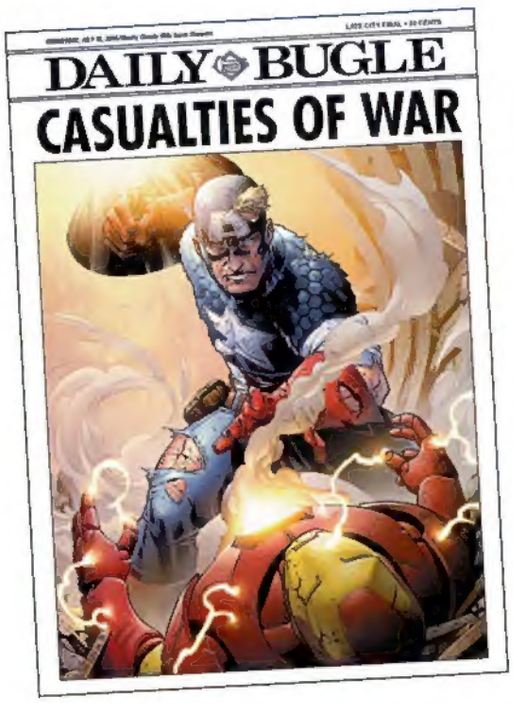

EXTRA EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT IN THE DAILY BUGLE MONTHLY NEWSPAPER!

NEW FROM MARVEL! The "MONTHLY" DAILY BUGLE In the tradition of the recent Civil War Daily Bugle and the Pulse House of M, Marvel is pleased to offer to retailers a monthly Daily Bugle. Chock full of interviews, solicits, a monthly checklist of on sale titles, updated images, variant covers, all the info you need about Marvel Comics! This is a must for all True Believers, so pick one up before J. Jonah Jameson blows his lid!

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COMIC BOOKS

Final Order Cut-Off 11/2, (On-Sale 11/22)

- ☐ Marvel Previews #40
  (For Products On Sale February 2007)

Final Order Cut-Off 11/16, (On-Sale 12/6/06)

- ☐ Agents Of Atlas #5
- ☐ Irredeemable Ant-Man #3
- ☐ Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes II #3
- ☐ Beyond! #6
- ☐ Bullet Points #2
- ☐ Doctor Strange: The Oath #3
- ☐ **Exiles Annual #1**
- ☐ Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man #15
- ☐ Incredible Hulk #101
- ☐ Marvel Adventures Spider-Man #22
- ☐ **Marvel Holiday Special**
- ☐ New Excalibur #14
- ☐ **newuniversal #1**
- ☐ Spider-Man And Power Pack #2
- ☐ **Spider-Man: Reign #1**
- ☐ **Ultimate Vision #1**
- ☐ Uncanny X-Men #481
- ☐ White Tiger #2
- ☐ Wisdom #2

Final Order Cut-Off 11/21, (On-Sale 12/13/06) Note Date

- ☐ Amazing Spider-Girl #3
- ☐ Avengers Next #3
- ☐ Blade #4
- ☐ **Dark Tower Sketchbook**
- ☐ Fantastic Four: The End #3
- ☐ **Ghost Rider #6**
- ☐ **Iron Man / Captain America: Casualties Of War (CW)**
- ☐ Marvel Adventures Fantastic Four #19
- ☐ New X-Men #33
- ☐ Nextwave: Agents Of H.A.T.E. #11
- ☐ Onslaught Reborn #2
- ☐ **Thunderbolts #109**
- ☐ Ultimate Marvel Flip Magazine #20
- ☐ Ultimate Tales Flip Magazine #20
- ☐ Ultimate X-Men #77
- ☐ **What If? X-Men Age Of Apocalypse**
- ☐ **Winter Soldier: Winter Kills (CW)**
- ☐ Wolverine #49
- ☐ **Wonder Man #1**
- ☐ **X-23: Target X #1**
- ☐ **X-Factor #14**
- ☐ X-Men: Phoenix - Warsong #4
- ☐ Zombie #4

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- ☐ Astonishing X-Men #20
- ☐ Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes II #4
- ☐ Cable & Deadpool #35
- ☐ **Civil War: War Crimes (CW)**
- ☐ Daily Bugle January
- ☐ Marvel 1602: Fantastick Four #4
- ☐ Marvel Adventures The Avengers #8
- ☐ Marvel Select Flip Magazine #20
- ☐ Marvel Spotlight: Ghost Rider
- ☐ Marvel Tales Flip Magazine #19
- ☐ Ms. Marvel #10
- ☐ **New Avengers: Illuminati #1**
- ☐ Punisher #42
- ☐ Runaways #23
- ☐ Sensational Spider-Man #33
- ☐ She-Hulk #14
- ☐ The Immortal Iron Fist #2
- ☐ Ultimate Spider-Man #103
- ☐ Ultimates 2 #13
- ☐ Union Jack #4
- ☐ X-Men: First Class #4

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- ☐ All-New Official Handbook Of
  The Marvel Universe A To Z #12
- ☐ Annihilation #5
- ☐ Avengers Next #4
- ☐ **Black Panther #23 (CW)**
- ☐ Daredevil #92
- ☐ Exiles #89
- ☐ Hellstorm: Son Of Satan #3
- ☐ Heroes For Hire #5
- ☐ John Romita Jr 30th Anniversary Special
- ☐ Marvel Adventures Flip Magazine #20
- ☐ Marvel Heroes Flip Magazine #20
- ☐ **Moon Knight #8 (CW)**
- ☐ **Punisher War Journal #2 (CW)**
- ☐ Spider-Man Loves Mary Jane #13
- ☐ Ultimate Fantastic Four #37
- ☐ Ultimate Power #3
- ☐ **What If? X-Men Deadly Genesis**
- ☐ Wolverine: Origins #9
- ☐ X-Men #194

ICON COMICS

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- ☐ Powers: The Definitive Collection Vol. 2 HC

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- ☐ Criminal #3

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- ☐ Kabuki Reflections #7

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GRAPHIC NOVELS

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- ☐ Moon Knight Vol. 1: The Bottom Premiere HC
- ☐ Moon Knight Vol. 1: The Bottom Premiere HC-Variant
- ☐ Runaways Vol. 2 HC

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- ☐ Essential Defenders Vol. 2 TPB
- ☐ Marvel Comics Presents: Wolverine Vol. 4 TPB
- ☐ New X-Men: Childhood's End Vol. 3 TPB
- ☐ Star Brand Classic Vol. 1 TPB
- ☐ What If? Classic Vol. 3 TPB

Final Order Cut-Off 11/9, (On-Sale 12/13/06)

- ☐ Marvel Masterworks: The Avengers Vol. 6
- ☐ Marvel Masterworks: The Avengers Vol. 6 - Variant
- ☐ Punisher Max: From First To Last HC
- ☐ Supreme Power Vol. 2 HC

Final Order Cut-Off 11/16, (On-Sale 12/13/06)

- ☐ Essential Official Handbook Of
  The Marvel Universe - Update 89 Vol. 1 TPB
- ☐ Heroes Reborn: Avengers TPB
- ☐ Wolverine: Origins & Endings TPB

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- ☐ Avengers Disassembled HC

Wolverine By Claremont & Miller Premiere HC - and Variant

Final Order Cut-Off 11/21, (On-Sale 12/20/06)

- ☐ Thor: Blood Oath TPB

Final Order Cut-Off 11/21, (On-Sale 12/27/06)

- ☐ Captain America And The Falcon: Nomad TPB

Spider-Man Loves Mary Jane Vol. 2: The New Girl Digest
X-Men: Deadly Genesis TPB

Final Order Cut-Off 11/30, (On-Sale 12/27/06)

- ☐ Marvel Visionaries John Buscema HC

Marvel Posters

Final Order Cut-Off 11/9, (On-Sale 11/29/06)

- ☐ New Avengers Illuminati Poster

Final Order Cut-Off 11/21, (On-Sale 12/13/06)

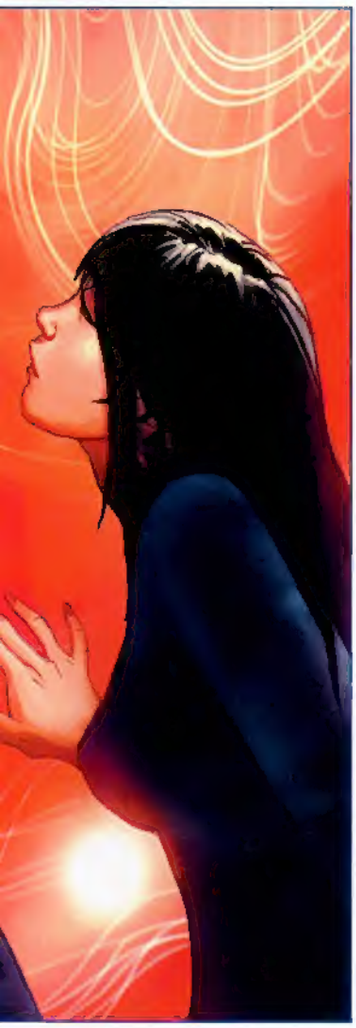
- ☐ Dark Tower Door Poster

THE PULSE HEADLINE NEWS

THE PLACE TO GO TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

This is the place each month where you can find out where your favorite heroes are popping up, what great new series and minis are starting, when a new arc begins, and what books have those moments that fans will be talking about for months!

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!
(New Number 1's)



newuniversal #1 – The New Universe is reborn!

NEW AVENGERS: ILLUMINATI #1 (OF 6) – The secret history of Marvel's secret organization revealed!

SPIDER-MAN: REIGN #1 (OF 4) – A searing vision of Spider-Man's future.

X-23: TARGET X #1 (OF 6) – The untold story of X-23 between NYX and New X-Men.

ULTIMATE VISION #1 (OF 5) – The fallout from Ultimate Extinction continues here.

WONDER MAN #1 (OF 5) – The adventures of the all-action and all-acting super hero.

BEGINNINGS
(New Arcs – Not including Number 1's)

BLACK PANTHER #23 – CIVIL WAR - T'Challa and Storm choose a side.

NEW X-MEN #33 – X-23's past returns to haunt the team.

X-MEN #194 – Rogue's team takes on the new threat: Pan!

GHOST RIDER #6 – Learn how Johnny Blaze ended up in Hell.

X-FACTOR #14 – Madrox meets Jamie Madrox: Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
(Guest Appearances)

MOON KNIGHT #8 – Captain America comes recruiting for the CIVIL WAR!

MS. MARVEL #10 – Rogue and the Beast guest-star.

WINTER SOLDIER: WINTER KILLS – Bucky meets the Young Avengers and Invaders in the midst of CIVIL WAR!

BLADE #4 – Blade takes on...Santa Claus?

IRON FIST #2 – Former partners Luke Cage and Misty Knight lend Rand a hand.

CAN'T-MISS MOMENTS
(Anniversaries and climactic battles)

ULTIMATES 2 #13 – The second volume of the Ultimates reaches its dramatic conclusion!

MARVEL HOLIDAY SPECIAL 2006 – Holiday cheer with the Thing, Annihilus, and Fin Fang Four.

WHAT IF? X-MEN: AGE OF APOCALYPSE – What if Legion killed both Magneto and Xavier?

WHAT IF? X-MEN: DEADLY GENESIS – What if Vulcan's secret X-Men team had lived?

MARVEL'S STABLE OF BESTSELLING AUTHORS GROWS!

Marvel and the Dabel Bros. bring you Laurell K. Hamilton's Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter Comics!

Hot off the presses! Thanks to the newly announced partnership between Marvel and the Dabel Bros., *New York Times* bestselling author Laurell K. Hamilton's most famous creation, Anita Blake, comes to life this October. ANITA BLAKE: VAMPIRE HUNTER IN GUILTY PLEASURES is a story of fantasy, romance and horror. This thrilling new series features amazing art by Brett Booth (Heroes Reborn: Fantastic Four) and will have thousands of fans shrieking with delight.

"I'm thrilled to be bringing Anita to a new medium," exclaims Laurell K. Hamilton, the author of the series. "With what I have seen so far, I am as excited as any fan to see what comes next!"

With over 3 million copies of the Anita Blake novels sold since the debut novel, this series has an incredibly large – and rabid – fan base. The most recent novel in the series debuted at #2 on the New York Times bestseller list and at #1 for *Publisher's Weekly*! And those fans are looking to the comic to get their monthly Anita Blake fix. In fact, stores such as A1 Comics in Sacramento say they have been getting nearly daily phone calls asking for Anita Blake!

"Publishing Laurell K. Hamilton's Anita Blake series in graphic fiction form is a great benefit for Marvel, retailers, and Laurell's fans," says Marvel Publisher and President Dan Buckley. "Thanks to the partnership we now have with the Dabel Brothers, this will introduce the world of comics to many new people, as well as providing exposure to a truly great series and character found in Anita Blake."

The premise of *Anita Blake: Vampire Hunter* centers around an alternate reality where the U.S. government has declared the undead as legal beings so that vampires, zombies and werewolves can come out of the shadows as they attempt to coexist with human society. But there are times when these creatures get out of control, and that is when Anita Blake steps in. Armed to the teeth with specialized weaponry and blessed with the abilities of an "Animator" (a special occupation that involves raising the dead), Anita is a threat to any vampire who gets out of line. But even she is unnerved when a vampire shows up in her office wanting her to help solve a case involving the murder of his fanged brethren. And as Anita descends into the fantastic and strange undead underworld of St. Louis, she finds herself caught in a rapidly unraveling mystery that may claim her own life in the end.

"Laurell K. Hamilton is one of the most popular authors on the planet right now," declares Ernst Dabel, President of Dabel Brothers Productions. "She's consistently ranked as one of the top-selling writers on Amazon, and her latest books in the Anita Blake series have been smash-hit successes. We know that this series will appeal to anyone who is a fan of fantasy, horror, romance, or adventure."

See page 76 for the full scoop!

MARVEL DB PRO CHECKLIST

COMIC BOOKS

Final Order Cut-Off 9/21, (On-Sale 10/11/06)
- ☐ Magician Apprentice Collected Edition
- ☐ Red Prophet: The Tales Of Alvin Maker Collected Edition

Final Order Cut-Off 9/28, (On-Sale 10/18/06)
- ☐ Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter: Guilty Pleasures #1
- ☐ Anita Blake Vampire Hunter Guilty Pleasures Horn Var. #1
- ☐ Anita Blake Vampire Hunter Guilty Pleasures Var. #1

Final Order Cut-Off 10/5, (On-Sale 10/25/06)
- ☐ Ptolus: City By The Spire #1 Second Printing Variant

Final Order Cut-Off 10/12, (On-Sale 11/1/06)
- ☐ Red Prophet: The Tales Of Alvin Maker #3

Final Order Cut-Off 10/19, (On-Sale 11/8/06)
- ☐ Magician Apprentice #3

Final Order Cut-Off 10/25, (On-Sale 11/15/06)
- ☐ Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter: Guilty Pleasures #2

Final Order Cut-Off 11/2, (On-Sale 11/22/06)
- ☐ Ptolus: City By The Spire #2

Final Order Cut-Off 11/16, (On-Sale 12/6/06)
- ☐ Red Prophet: The Tales Of Alvin Maker #4

Final Order Cut-Off 11/21, (On-Sale 12/13/06)
- ☐ Magician Apprentice #4

Final Order Cut-Off 11/30, (On-Sale 12/20/06)
- ☐ Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter: Guilty Pleasures #3

Final Order Cut-Off 12/7, (On-Sale 12/27/06)
- ☐ Ptolus: City By The Spire #3

COLLECTIONS

Final Order Cut-Off 11/2, (On-Sale 12/7/06)
- ☐ Hedge Knight Vol. 1 Premiere HC
- ☐ Hedge Knight Vol. 1 Premiere HC Variant

BESTSELLING AUTHORS!

Along with Laurell Hamilton comes a whole bevy of new creativity to the Marvel Publishing plan. In addition to the ANITA BLAKE series coming to comic book form, the following noted and bestselling authors will be bringing some of their most popular creations to life in four-color:

Orson Scott Card: RED PROPHET
Raymond E. Feist: MAGICIAN APPRENTICE
George R. R. Martin: THE HEDGE KNIGHT

MORE ON THE WAY:

These scribes join such noted authors as Stephen King and Charlie Huston, who are already hard at work on Marvel projects, making the House of Ideas home to a veritable who's who of *New York Times* bestsellers, all working to increase exposure and provide the greatest comics experience for today's audience!

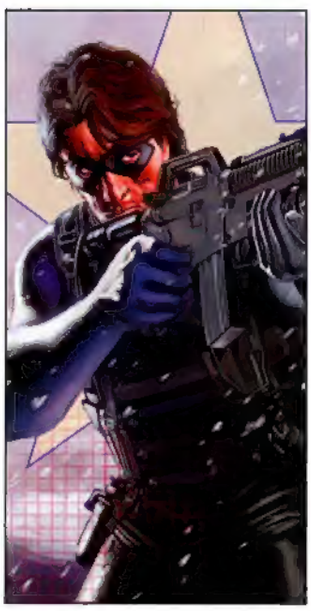
NEW CIVIL WAR SPECIALS
SPOTLIGHTING CAP, IRON MAN, WINTER SOLDIER, AND KINGPIN

Get the full stories behind some of Civil War's most prominent and controversial figures in three all-new Civil War specials including *Civil War: War Crimes, Winter Soldier: Winter Kills, and Iron Man/Captain America: Casualties of War.*

In *Civil War: War Crimes*, the Kingpin of Crime, Wilson Fisk finds himself behind bars at the most opportune time to be a criminal mastermind. The heroes are embroiled in a Civil War and Fisk can do nothing about it. But when Iron Man approaches the Kingpin to help him track down Captain America and his team, just what will Fisk ask for in return?

Iron Man knows the Kingpin is not to be trusted, but the Kingpin's vast underworld connections may be his best hope of finding the locaction of Steve Rogers and his anti-Registration team. Fisk cannot be trusted. Now Tony has to ask himself whether the Kingpin can be controlled.

Plus, *Civil War: War Crimes* delves into the seedy side of Civil War and how the criminals have been forced to adapt their ways in order to operate in a literal warzone.



Bursting out of the pages of Captain America into his own Civil War special comes former sidekick Bucky, today known as the Winter Soldier. In the pages of Winter Soldier: Winter Kills by Captain America writers Ed Brubaker and Lee Weeks, the Winter Soldier attempts to make peace with his past, considers his place in the Civil War, and sets upon his future course in the Marvel Universe.

Not only does the Winter Soldier have his first encounter with the Young Avengers, but also a reunion of sorts with some of the members of the original Invaders. And what is a Winter Soldier special without a Hydra plot to stop?

Winter Soldier: Winter Kills sets up this controversial character for major things in the changing Marvel Universe.

They used to be allies, teammates, and the closest friends. Now Captain America and Iron Man find themselves leading two opposing armies that may break the country's back in the process. In *Iron Man/ Captain America: Casualties of War*, Steve Rogers and Tony Stark secretly meet one last time in an attempt to mediate a solution to the Civil War that has overtaken the Marvel Universe.

This oversized special also delves into how these former teammates could end up facing each other head-to-head in an all-stakes battle. See how the dissolution of a friendship led to war! Plus, Iron Man/Captain America: Casualties of War features two covers, one of which may foreshadow the ending of Civil War. But which one?

If you want the whole story behind Civil War, you cannot miss *Civil War: War Crimes, Winter Soldier: Winter Kills, and Iron Man/Captain America: Casualties of War.*

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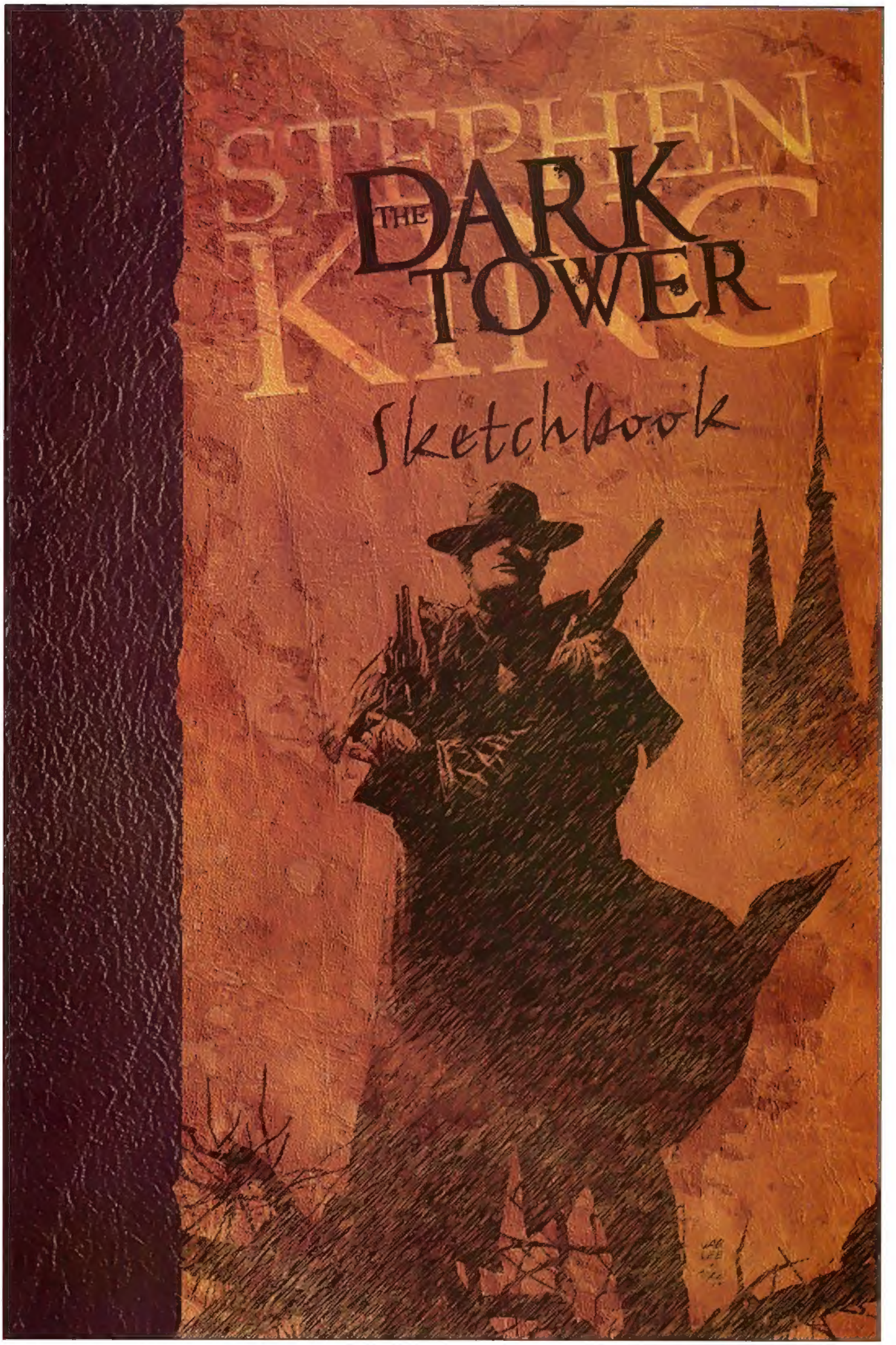
See page 32 for more on Civil War: War Crimes.

See page 38 for more on Iron Man/Captain America: Casualties of War.



DARK TOWER: THE GUNSLINGER BORN SKETCHBOOK

Pencils & Cover by JAE LEE

THE DARK TOWER: THE GUNSLINGER BORN is two short months away. Get a first look at the most eagerly anticipated comics release ever in this exclusive sketchbook featuring character designs, penciled pages, commentary, and a primer on the world of the Dark Tower. Best of all, much like CIVIL WAR: OPENING SHOT, this is FREE to get everyone prepared for the coming year's biggest event! In 2007, a Gunslinger will be born; will you be ready?

16 PGS./Parental Advisory ...$0

JOHN ROMITA JR. 30TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

Featuring An All-New Short Story Written by NEIL GAIMAN
Cover by JOHN ROMITA SR.

Thirty years ago, a young John Romita Jr. walked into the Marvel Comics offices, looking for work as an artist. Despite his impressive legacy as the son of famed Spider-Man artist John Romita Sr., Romita Jr. faced a difficult entry into the intensively competitive field. But through the years, Romita Jr. proved without a doubt he possessed the rare skill, creativity and dedication to be a successful professional. Crafting a historic career that places him among the industry's elite talents, he has illustrated nearly every Marvel character – from Spider-Man to the X-Men. In celebration of Romita Jr.'s illustrious body of work, this keepsake edition features a brand new story written by Neil Gaiman, an all-new interview with the acclaimed artist, a gallery of his most memorable covers and pinups, rare sketches, a comprehensive chronology, testimonials and congratulations from fellow writers and artists, and more! Also including Romita Jr.'s first Marvel work from AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #11!

64 PGS./No Ads/Rated T+ ...$3.99

ULTIMATE FANTASTIC FOUR #37

Written by MIKE CAREY

Pencils & Cover by PASQUAL FERRY

"GOD WAR"

The fledgling F.F. have sought refuge on the slave world Pyx, pursued by Ronan the Public Accuser. And when it seems it can't get worse, Ben Grimm, The Thing, is taken over—mind and body—by the ultimate evil...Thanos of Acheron! And what of the young members of Seed Nineteen? Will they meet their final fate? Part 5 (of 6).

32 PGS./Rated A ...$2.99

ULTIMATE POWER #3 (of 9)
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Pencils & Cover by GREG LAND
A battle beyond all expectations! It's the alien invaders—the Squadron Supreme—versus the combined might of The Ultimates, Ultimate X-Men, Ultimate Fantastic Four and Ultimate Spidey . for the fate of the world! What more could you ask?
32 PGS./Rated T+ ...$2.99

ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN #103

Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS

Pencils & by Cover by MARK BAGLEY

"CLONE SAGA"

The record is broken for the longest continual run by a creative team in Marvel history! Bendis and Bagley—take a bow! And in this landmark issue learn the terrifying secret of who is behind the worst thing to ever happen to a beleaguered Peter Parker. The revelations just don't stop coming. Part 6 (of 7)

32 PGS. /Rated A ...$2.99

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ULTIMATES 2 #13

Written by MARK MILLAR

Pencils & Wraparound Cover by BRYAN HITCH

"GRAND THEFT AMERICA"

The concluding chapter of the much-heralded Millar/Hitch tenure on Ultimates has finally arrived! All the running plot lines come to their cataclysmic end in these pages as the Team Supreme puts everything they've got into a grand finale that will take its place alongside the finest comics of the past decade. Alliances are made and relationships are severed in a tale you simply cannot miss. You have been warned! Part 7 (of 6)

48 PGS./Parental Advisory ...$3.99

ULTIMATE VISION # 1 (of 5)

Written by MIKE CAREY

Pencils & Cover by BRANDON PETERSON

Picking up directly from the events in the smash hit limited series Ultimate Extinction! The Earth was saved from the Ultimate threat—Gah Lak Tus. But scientist George Tarleton has captured a piece of that awesome entity and plans to reactivate it for his own evil purposes. The only hope for mankind against this mad scheme—the strange alien being called The Vision!

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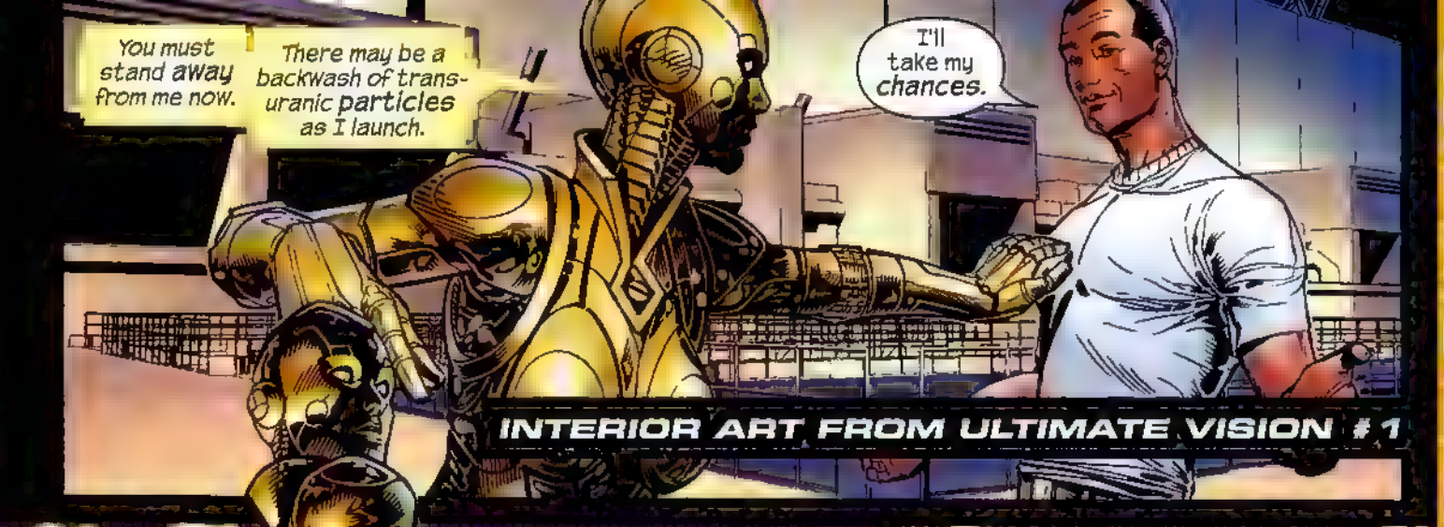
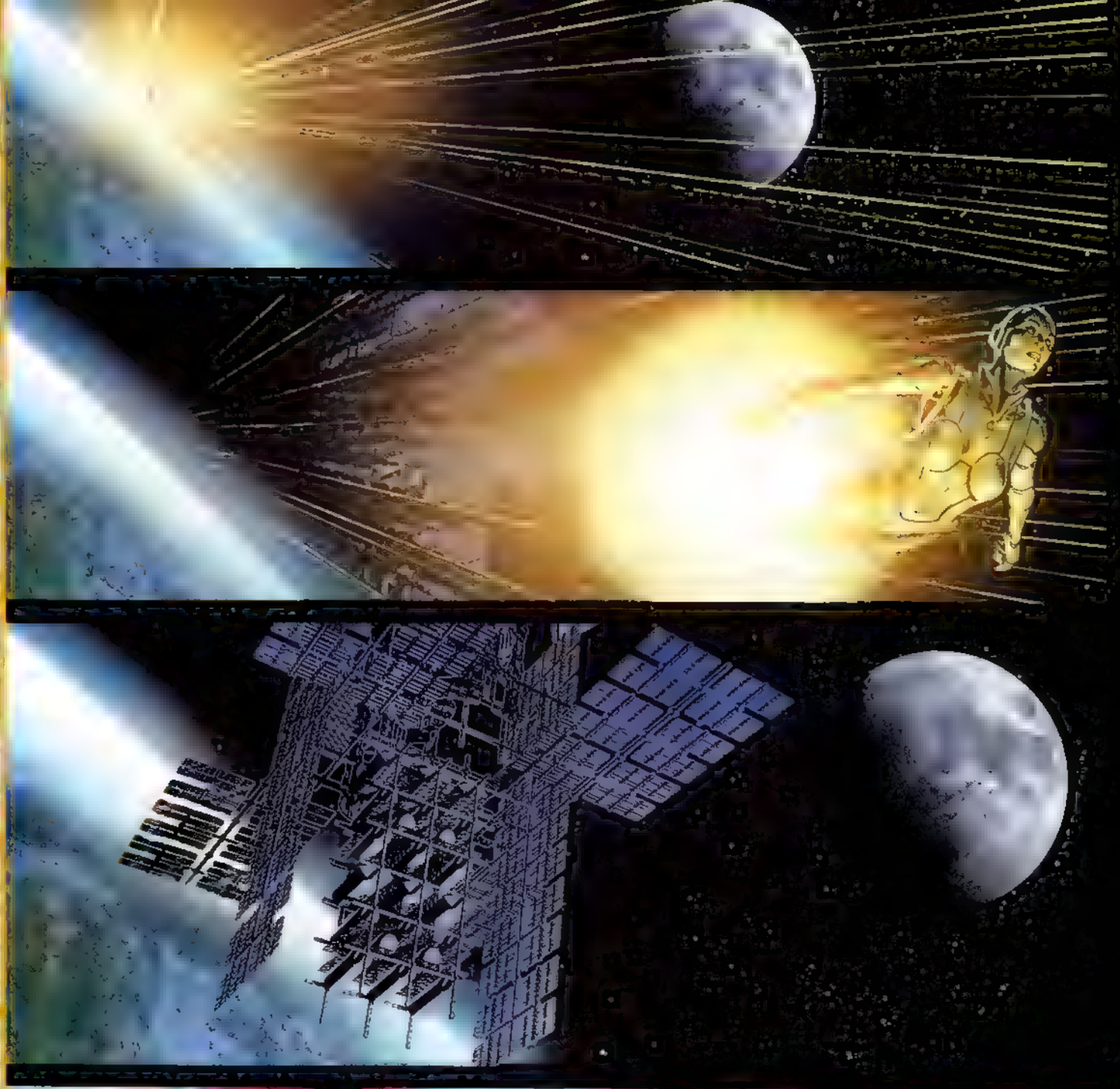


INTERIOR ART FROM ULTIMATE VISION #1

My body is exquisitely designed for two things. Communication and propulsion.
I must be able to speak to those I meet, and I must be able to move onwards once my message is delivered.
In this instance, I collapse the electron orbits of hydrogen atoms in the moist air around me. They surrender their energy as they fall.
It is slow, but it will do until I reach vacuum--
--and can commence photonic conversion.



Doctor Tarleton, we have *confirmation.* That's his *energy* signature.
Or rather-- *hers.* The *Vision* construct seems to be wearing a *female* body matrix now.

I don't care if it's wearing *Mickey Mouse* ears and a pink *tuxedo.*
Throw out the *bait.*

ULTIMATE X-MEN #77

Written by ROBERT KIRKMAN
Pencils & Cover by BEN OLIVER

"CABLE"

Scores will be settled and lives hang in the balance. The X-Men versus Ultimate Cable in the brawl of the century—any century! Plus—more secrets revealed about this strange mystery man from the future. Don't be ieve you really know what he's all about. You don't. Part 3 (of 4)

32 PGS./Rated T+ ...$2.99

SPIDER-MAN UNMASKED

FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN #15

Written by PETER DAVID

Pencils & Cover by SCOT EATON

Watch out, you latté-sipping, bookmark-bending, literary snob! Spider-Man and the Vulture are bringing a whole new meaning to the term "Battle of the Books" as they duke it out in a bookstore! And stuck right in the middle, dodging hardcovers, is poor Deborah Whitman, author of a memoir detailing her tumultuous relationship with Peter Parker. Whoever invented that old saying about words not hurting as much as sticks and stones obviously hasn't lived a day in the webslinger's boots!

32 PGS./RATED A ...$2.99

SENSATIONAL SPIDER-MAN #33

Written by ROBERTO AGUIRRE-SACASA
Penciled by SEAN CHEN
Cover by CLAYTON CRAIN

SPIDER-MAN UNMASKED Tie-In!

"WOUNDS"

She wiped his nose when he was a little boy and cleaned his cuts and scrapes whenever he got hurt... In the hour of the r greatest tragedy, the death of Ben Parker, she was his rock, and he was hers.. She is May Parker, aunt of Peter Parker, the Sensational Spider-man. After her nephew suffers a terrible beating at the hands of one of his most brutal foes, it's up to her to take care of him .. But with the whole world seemingly against them how long can she bear to see someone she loves in so much pain and anguish? The second of three issues exploring women in Peter Parker's life post-unmasking!

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AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #3

Written by TOM DEFALCO

Pencils & Cover by RON FRENZ

As the Hobgobl n tries to claim the lethal legacy of Wilson Fisk, the former Kingpin of crime, Spider-Girl is chilled to the bone by the new menace called Bitter Frost.

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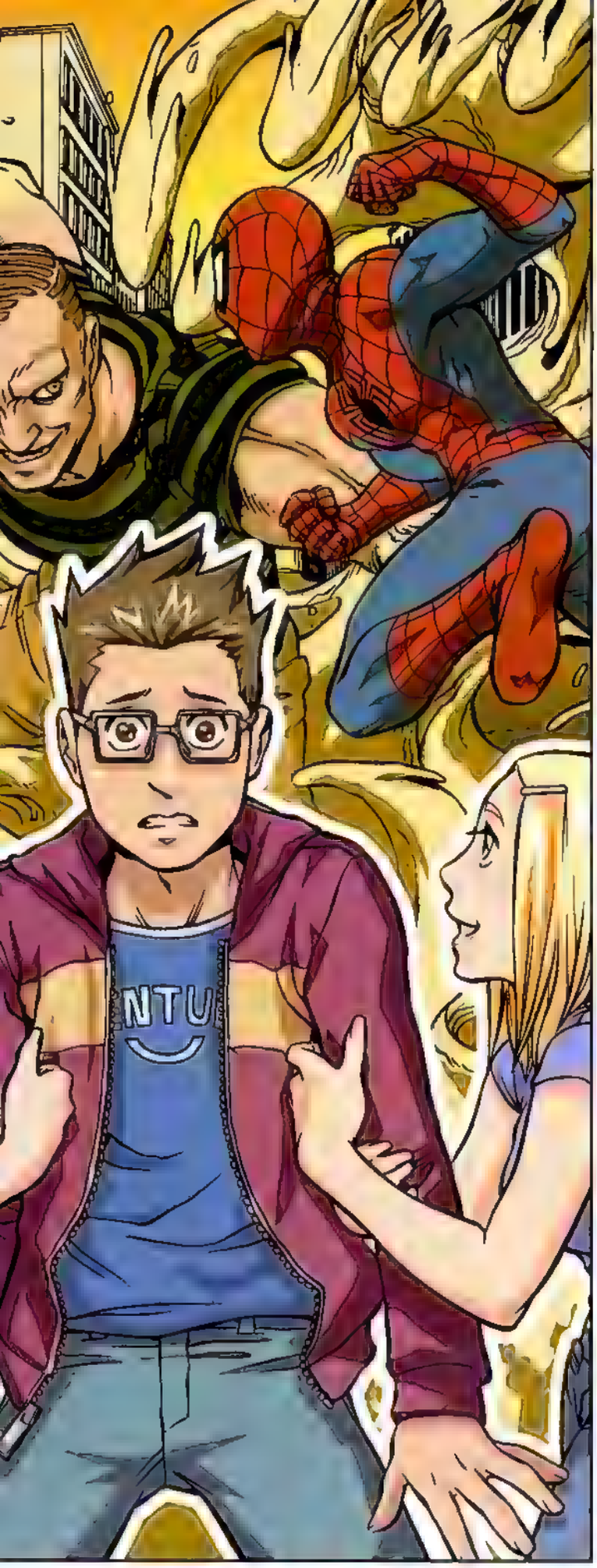

SPIDER-MAN LOVES MARY JANE #13

Written by SEAN MCKEEVER
Pencils by TAKESHI MIYAZAWA & RICK MAYS
Cover by TAKESHI MIYAZAWA

The series SpiderFan.org's Patrick Gadrow calls "a breath of fresh air" continues! Gwen Stacy has a problem, and its name is Peter Parker. What's with all his sudden disappearances and lame excuses? Too bad the only person she can go to for help is harboring secret feelings for Peter...

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SPIDER-MAN AND POWER PACK #2 (of 4)

Written by MARC SUMERAK
Pencils & Cover by GURIHIRU

Featuring the Amazing Spider-KID?!? Power Pack has a brand-new member... and he's not too happy about his current situation! Will the Power kids be able to help Spidey find a way to get himself back to normal before all heck breaks loose? Or will Jack's desire to get Power Pack some more attention on the super hero scene get them all trapped in a very tangled web?

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Variant cover

SPIDER-MAN: REIGN #1 (OF 4)

Written by KAARE ANDREWS

Art & Cover by KAARE ANDREWS 50/50 Cover Split

A searing vision of Spider-Man's future, brought to you by superstar Kaare Andrews (INCREDIBLE HULK).

They finally did it. Kicked them to the curb. The "capes and tights" crowd – there's no place for them in the Big Apple anymore. Peter Parker? He can't even remember what it was like to don the red and blue and swing through the night sky. Doesn't want to, anyway. After all, there's nothing left to fight for, is there? That is until an old "friend" appears on Peter's doorstep, bearing a package and a message – and everything changes. If it's not Peter's responsibility, then whose is it?

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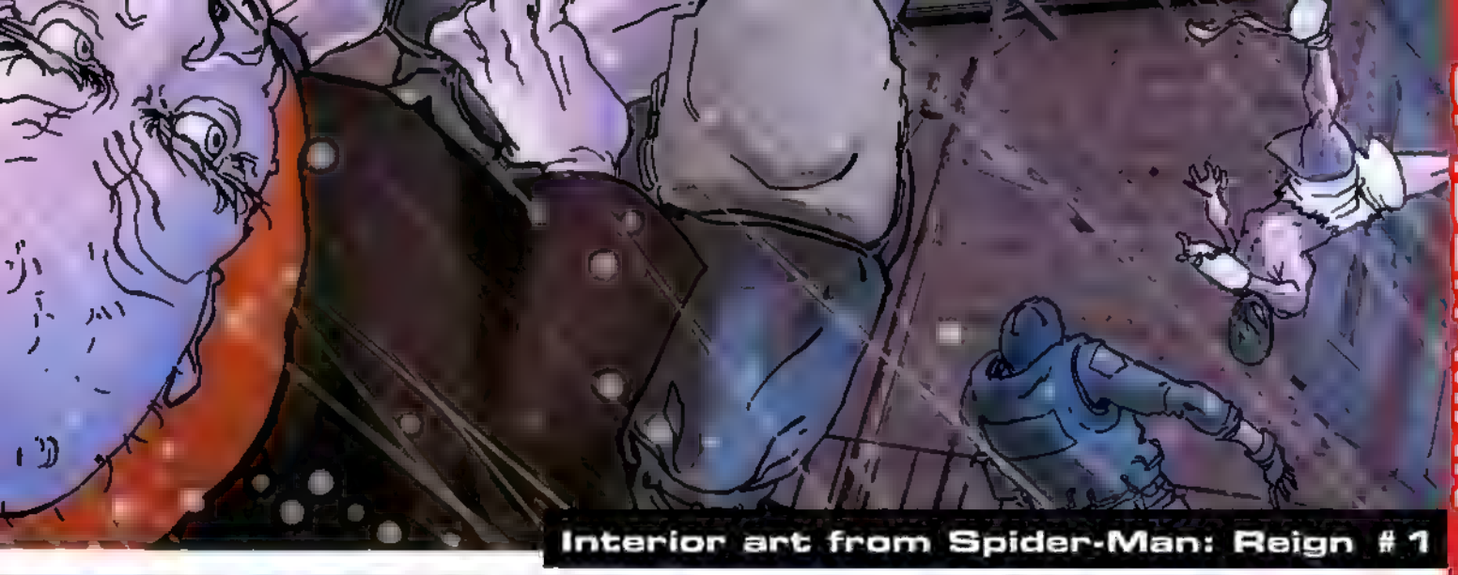

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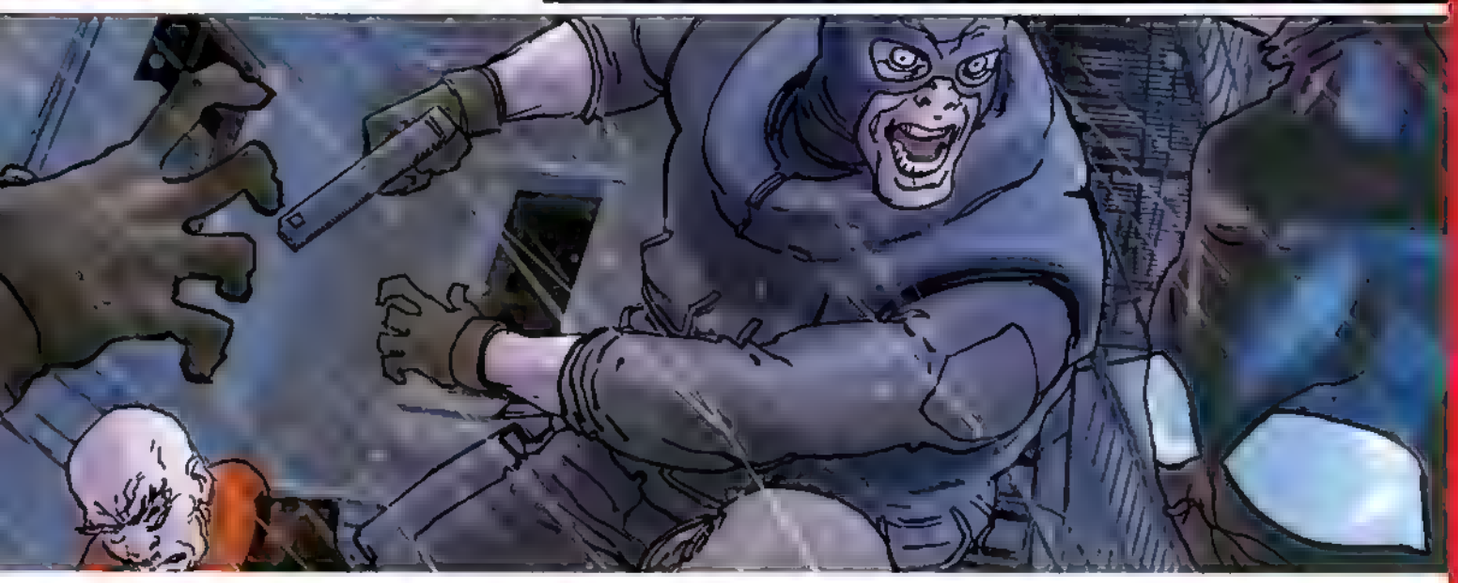

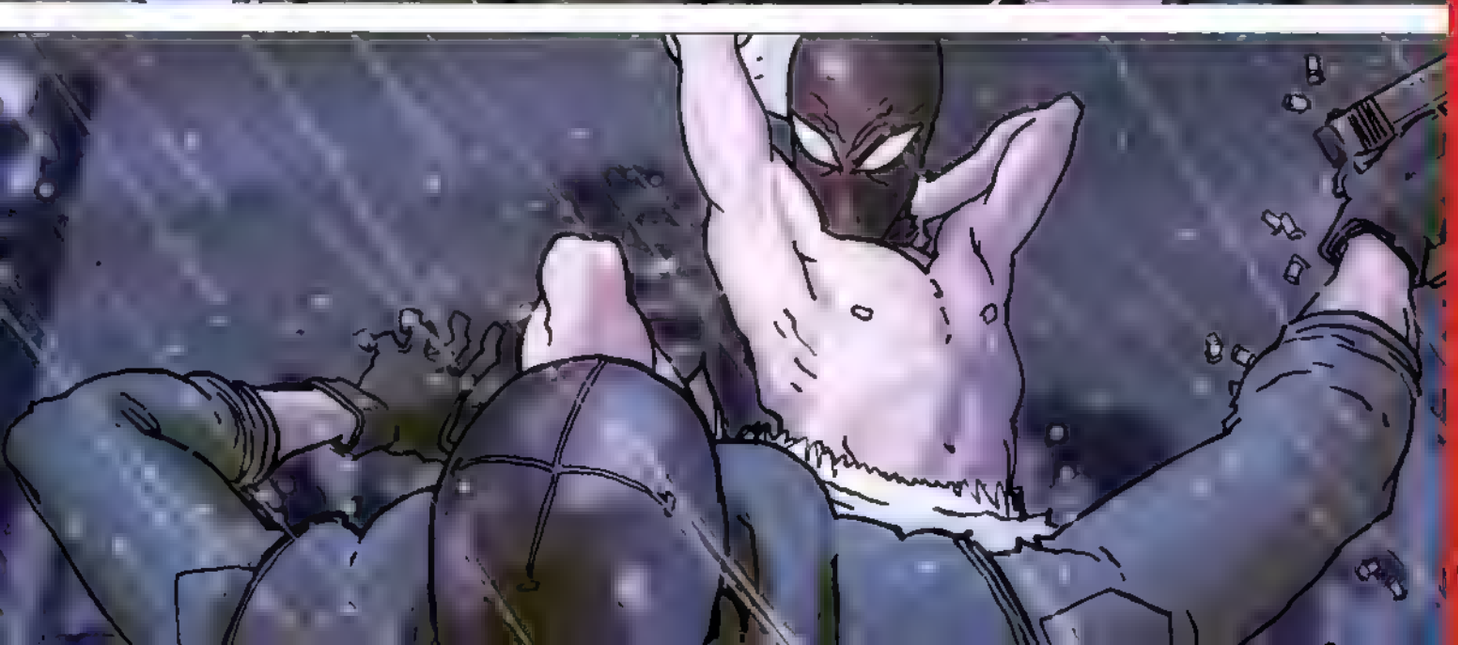

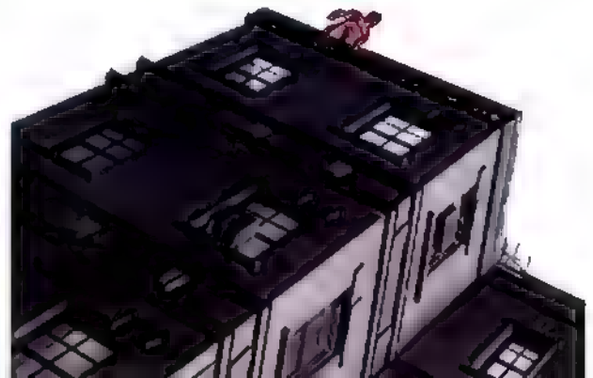

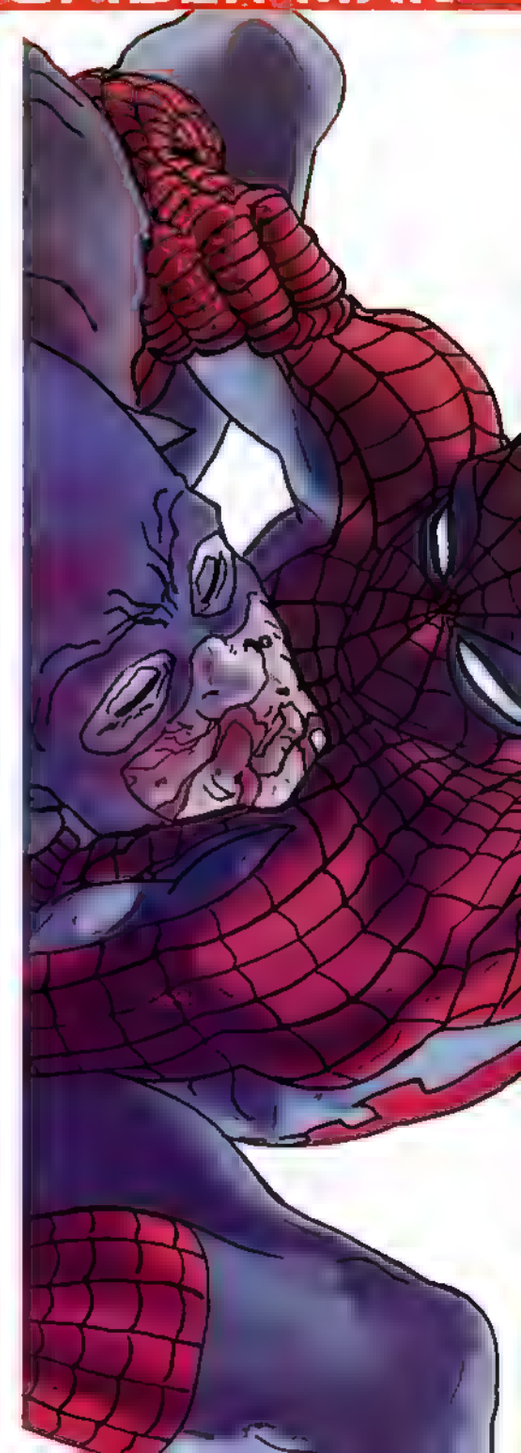

ANNIHILATION #5 (OF 6)
Written by KEITH GIFFEN
Penciled by ANDREA DI VITO
Cover by GABRIELE DELL'OTTO
With the war lost, Ronan and the very, very angry Super-Skrull kill their way to the heart of the Kree Empire. VIVE LA KREE!
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AGENTS OF ATLAS #5 (OF 6)

Written by JEFF PARKER
Penciled by LEONARD KIRK
Cover by TOMM COKER

Revelations show one of the team to be a double agent, and another something more horrific than their enemies. The Atomic Age alliance crumbles as the team has its own Civil War. The time to test the leadership of Jimmy Woo is here.

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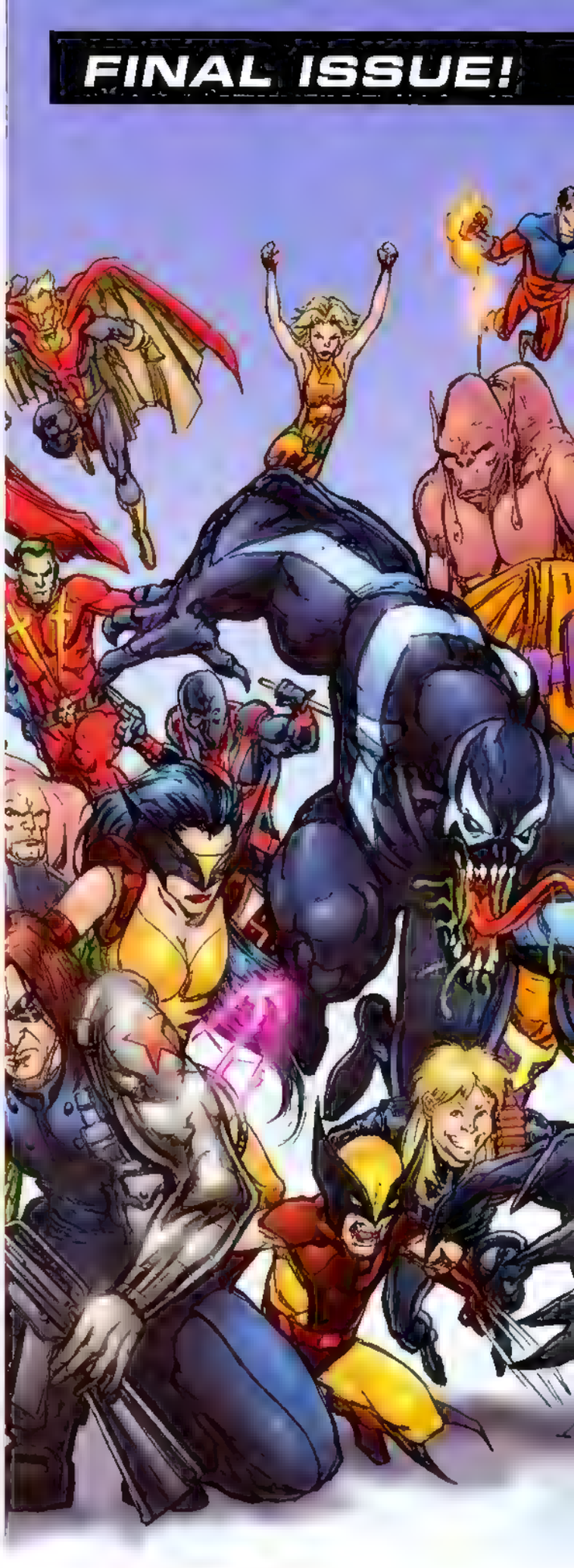

ALL-NEW OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE A TO Z #12

Written by JOHN RHETT THOMAS

Featuring Ultra-Girl, Umar, Union Jack, Urthona, Vegas, Vulcan, Warhawk, Warlock, Adam Warlock, Warpath, Wiccan, Wild Thing, Alex Wilder, Winter Soldier, Pete Wisdom, Witchfire, Wizard, Jimmy Woo, X-Babies, Yandroth, Young Allies, Zodiac and more!

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AVENGERS: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES II #3 & 4 (of 8)

Written by JOE CASEY
Penciled by WILL ROSADO
Cover by DAVE JOHNSON

The newest untold tale of Marvel's greatest super hero team continues! When Nick Fury sends them on a secret mission in the Philippines, it becomes the ultimate showdown between the Avengers and an uncontrollable army of Super-Adaptoids! And for Hank Pym, Goliath – with his tenuous control over the team's newest members – things may be going from bad to worse!

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THE IRREDEEMABLE ANT-MAN #3

Written by ROBERT KIRKMAN
Pencils & Cover by PHIL HESTER

Downtime! While grieving for the loss of friends and colleagues after a massive attack on the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier, ANT-MAN returns home to the small town he grew up in-where he gets into some small-time trouble with some small time crooks. Luckily, Ant-Man is just the right size for such an adversary. Also featuring some absolutely rotten things done by our titular hero-that's where the "irredeemable" part comes in!

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BEYOND! #6 (OF 6)

Written by DWAYNE MCDUFFIE
Pencils & Cover by SCOTT KOLINS

The Conclusion! In the aftermath of last issue's shocking events, the winner of the game claims a reward from the cosmic entity behind it all, starting a tragic chain of events that will forever alter the Marvel Universe. THE WATCHER will be there, will you?

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AVENGERS NEXT #3 & #4 (OF 5)

Written by TOM DeFALCO
Penciled by RON LIM
Cover by MIKE WIERINGO

As the daughter of Thor joins the hunt for Kevin Masterson, Ultron returns, Ulik the Unconquerable reveals his plans to banish humankind from Earth and a mysterious new foe drains the Avengers of all their super-powers.

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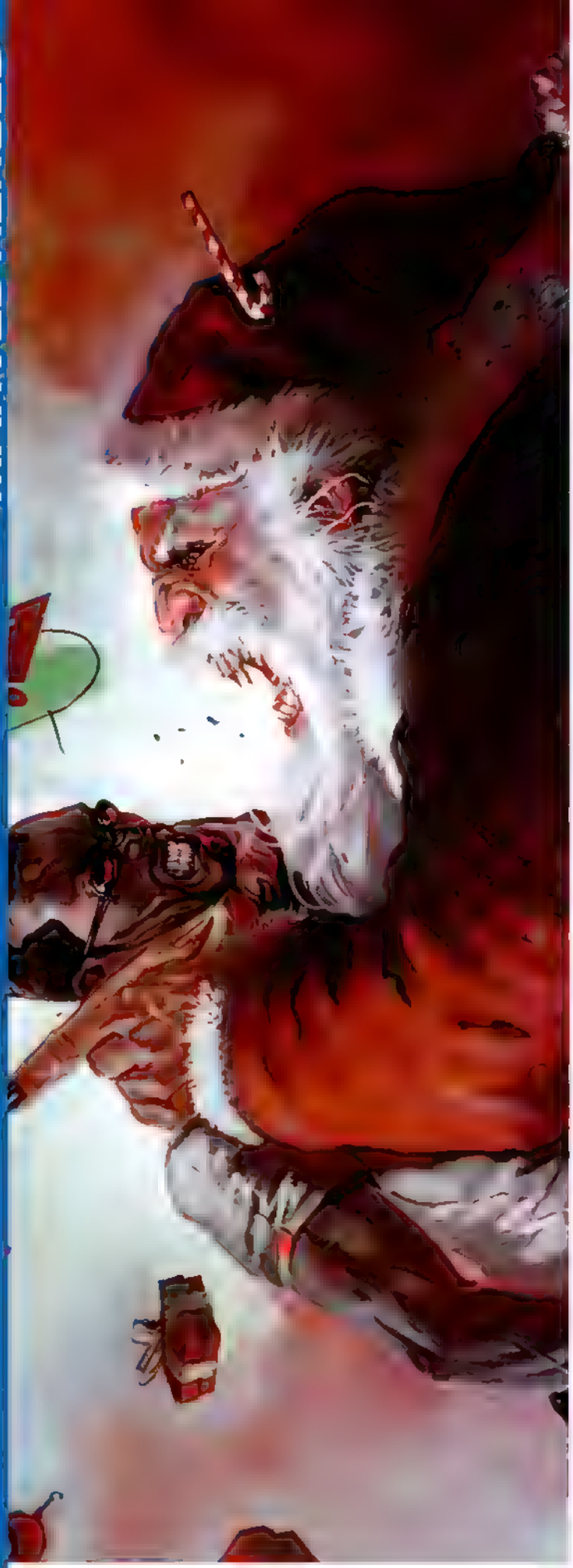

BLADE #4

Written by MARC GUGGENHEIM
Penciled by HOWARD CHAYKIN
Cover by MARKO DJURDJEVIC

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through Manhattan, not a creature was stirring 'cause Blade had all stabbed 'em! There's one vampire Blade's been dying to get his sword on: Santa Claus! And this is the year he's vowed to do it. Plus: A story from Blade's past. Howard ("Bite Club," "New Avengers") Chaykin and Marc ("Wolverine," "Law & Order") Guggenheim bring you a special Christmas issue. You won't believe what's coming down the chimney tonight!

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DOCTOR STRANGE: THE OATH #3 (OF 5)

Written by BRIAN K. VAUGHAN
Pencils & Cover by MARCOS MARTIN

As he searches every dimension of the Marvel Universe for a cure to save the life of his dying friend, Doctor Strange finally learns the shocking true identity of the shadowy villain who holds Wong's life in his hands.

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CIVIL WAR

BLACK PANTHER #23

Written by REGINALD HUDLIN
Penciled by TBD
Cover by MIKE DEODATO

CIVIL WAR TIE-IN
"FOREIGN AFFAIRS"
Part 1 (of 3)
Alarmed by the Civil War that's rocking the U.S., T'Challa and Storm decide to get off the sidelines and get involved. Whose side are they on?
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BULLET POINTS #2 (OF 5)

Written by J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI
Art & Cover by TOMMY LEE EDWARDS

With military policeman Ben Parker killed during the assassination of Dr. Abraham Erskine (the developer of the Super Soldier serum), Peter Parker has become a disenchanted teen, angry at the world. After he wanders in front of the path of a gamma bomb test, how dangerous does the combination of a lonely, angry boy and the lethal power of a rampaging Hulk-ish monster become? Steve Rogers, the WWII hero known as Iron Man, is about to find out.

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CASUALTIES OF WAR

WINTER SOLDIER: WINTER KILLS ONE-SHOT

Written by ED BRUBAKER
Penciled by LEE WEEKS
Cover by STEVE EPTING

In the midst of the harsh division of the Civil War, James Buchanan Barnes, Captain America's one-time partner Bucky, faces his first Christmas of the 21st century. And faces the truth of the terrible things he was forced to do as the Winter Soldier. And with Cap caught in a conflict he can neither take a side of - or understand - what moves can he make to try to redeem himself? And what do Hydra have planned for New York this Christmas? Featuring guest appearances by the Young Avengers and some of the original Invaders, this Special Issue is an action-packed character study that defines the Winter Soldier's future place in the Marvel Universe. By Wizard Top Ten writer Ed Brubaker, with dynamic art by Lee Weeks (Civil War Frontline) and a cover by Cap fan-fave Steve Epting.

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CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR: WAR CRIMES ONE-SHOT

Written By FRANK TIERI
Pencils by STAZ JOHNSON
Cover by SEAN SCOFFIELD

Wilson Fisk, the incarcerated ex-Kingpin of Crime, has a deal to propose to Iron Man. he'll use his underworld connections to help track down Captain America and his anti-Registration underground in exchange for consideration on his sentence. But can the Kingpin be trusted, or is he playing a deeper game? And how are the criminals of the Marvel Universe being forced to change the way they do business as a result of CIVIL WAR?

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DAREDEVIL #92

Written by ED BRUBAKER
Penciled by MICHAEL LARK
Cover by LEE BERMEJO

Matt Murdock finally comes face-to-face with the person who's been manipulating his life since he was thrown in jail, and you'll be stunned by the revelation!

Brubaker and Lark's second arc rounds the corner toward the finish line!

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FANTASTIC FOUR: THE END #3 (OF 6)

Written by ALAN DAVIS
Pencils & Cover by ALAN DAVIS

As Johnny Storm and Ben Grimm meet on Mars to compare notes, in the deepest portions of the ocean's depths Sue Richards makes a discovery that could change the future of their fractured family

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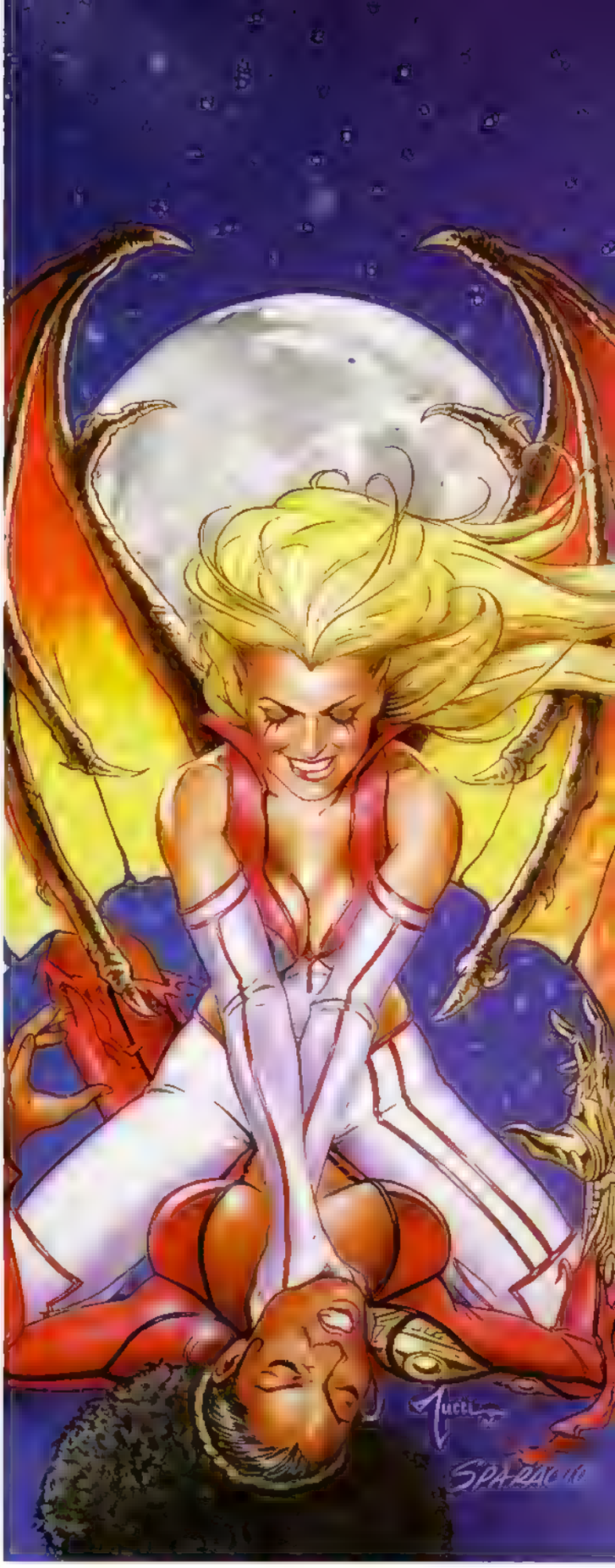

HEROES FOR HIRE #5

Written by JUSTIN GRAY & JIMMY PALMIOTTI
Art by FRANCIS PORTELA & TOM PALMER
Cover by WILLIAM TUCCI & MARK SPARACIO

The thrilling conclusion to the Skrull organ story line p'ts the Heroes for Hire against Ricadonna's cadre of villains and an army of the Corporation's android assassins. Meanwhile, the recently fired Tarantula sets out to take revenge for the murder of her father by killing Ricadonna. Unfortunately for everyone involved, Ricadonna has undergone a physical transformation from crime lord to super-powered freak show!

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GHOST RIDER #6

Written by DANIEL WAY
Pencils & Cover by RICHARD CORBEN

"HELL TO PAY", PART 1 OF 2

How did Johnny Blaze end up in Hell, anyway? It's simple, really: He died. And when he died, his eternal soul–long promised to Hell in exchange for "saving" Crash Simpson–descended into the Pit, taking the Ghost Rider along with it. This is the story of how and why it all happened. Daniel Way is joined by horror comic legend RICHARD CORBEN for a special 2-part story.

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MARVEL SPOTLIGHT: GHOST RIDER

Written by JOHN RHETT THOMAS

You keep that motor revved up and those tires burning, your blazing bike racing hot into the night. You're Ghost Rider, and there's no holding you back – because the devil has always got you on the run! MARVEL SPOTLIGHT brings fans of the demon with the flaming skull this special issue that covers Ghost Rider from all sides! We talk with the creative teams of the new GHOST RIDER ongoing series (Daniel Way, Mark Texeira and Javier Saltares) and the epic mini-series SPIRITS OF VENGEANCE (Garth Ennis and Clayton Crain). They've each staked a claim on a little piece of Ghost Rider's soul, and we'll be there for the full scoop! We'll also have an in-depth look at Ghost Rider from throughout Marvel history, taking a hard look at the early days of Johnny Blaze through the Danny Ketch years of the nineties. And since Ghost Rider will hit the big screen in February, look for heavy coverage of the feature film – including interviews with the cast and crew that'll get your motor primed and ready for the opening night!

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INCREDIBLE HULK #101
Written by GREG PAK
Penciled by CARLO PAGULAYAN
Cover by LADRÖNN
PLANET HULK: ALLEGIANCE, PART 2
Don't miss the next installment of the comic that Wizard Magazine dubbed "Book of the Month"! In this issue:
Accompanied by Caiera the Oldstrong and Hiroim the Shamed, the Hulk heads into the hold of the Shadow Elders to learn if he truly is the legendary savior known as the Sakaarson — or just another angry monster. Also — secrets revealed about the Great Portal! The final showdown with the Spikes! Elloe makes a shocking decision! And the Hulk smashes and smashes and smashes some more! Featuring pencils by the brilliant Carlo Pagulayan as well as a slew of pages by a surprise guest artist!
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THE IMMORTAL IRON FIST #2

Written by MATT FRACTION

Pencils & Cover by DAVID AJA

What has the Rand Corporation done to awaken the wrath of Hydra? Iron Fist kicks his way toward the truth as another piece of the puzzle comes crashing into his life—a living legend long- thought dead! Don't miss the second action-packed issue of Marvel's hottest new kung fu series!

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IRON MAN/CAPTAIN AMERICA: CASUALTIES OF WAR ONE SHOT

Written by CHRISTOS GAGE
Penciled by JEREMY HAUN
Cover by JIM CHEUNG 50/50 Cover Split

In the midst of Civil War, Captain America and Iron Man meet secretly, one last time, to see if there's any hope of working things out before further tragedy occurs. Don't miss this oversized special that reveals how these two men, once the closest of friends and staunchest of allies, could end up leading opposing armies in the conflict tearing apart the Marvel Universe!

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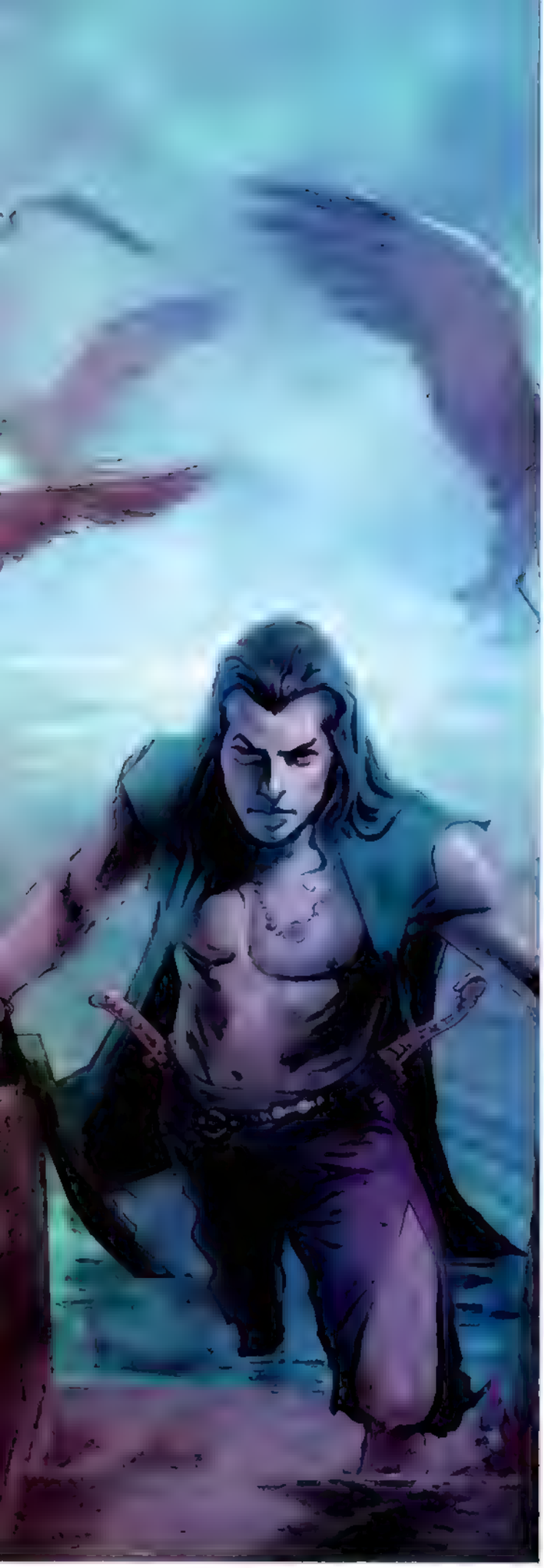

MARVEL 1602: FANTASTICK FOUR #4 (OF 5)

Written by PETER DAVID
Penciled by PASCAL ALIXE
Cover by GABRIELE DELL'OTTO

At the end of the world is a man, NAMOR, King of Atlantis! But Atlantis is not under the sea in 1602. With both Doom and the Four from the Fantastick at his doorstep, what will King Namor do?

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MARVEL HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Written by MIKE CAREY, ROGER LANGRIDGE, SCOTT GRAY & SHAENON GARRITY
Penciled by MIKE PERKINS, ROGER LANGRIDGE & RON LIM
Cover by FRAZER IRVING

Join us in this year's unbelievable follow-up to last year's Harvey Award nominated Holiday Special! Thrill to the return of the Fin Fang Four! Enjoy the holidays with Thing and Annihilus! And much, much more!

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MARVEL ADVENTURES THE AVENGERS #8

Written by TONY BEDARD
Penciled by SHANNON GALLANT
Cover by SEAN CHEN

The Wrecker. The U-Foes. The Juggernaut. What do these villains have in common? They all hate the mighty Avengers. Can our heroes survive the onslaught when they join forces?

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MARVEL ADVENTURES SPIDER-MAN #22

Written by FRED VAN LENTE
Penciled by CORY HAMSCHER
Cover by PATRICK SCHERBERGER

When the Green Goblin swears to destroy the Hobgoblin for stealing his shtick, only Spider-Man can save the city from World War "G"– but with his new black costume, crooks and citizens alike don't know if he's a new hero, a new villain or the same old Spidey!

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MARVEL ADVENTURES FANTASTIC FOUR #19

Written by ZEB WELLS
Pencils & Cover by KANO

Ever have one of those days when it seems that someone's just out to get you? Well, MISTER FANTASTIC's having one of those days...because ARCADE's after him! Can the world's smartest hero survive a fun house of horrors without the rest of his teammates?

(Psst! We ain't tellin'! Buy the book!)

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CASUALTIES OF WAR

NOT FINAL COVER

MOON KNIGHT #8

Written by CHARLIE HUSTON
Pencils & Cover by DAVID FINCH

"MIDNIGHT SUN: PART TWO: THE DEAD DON'T STAY"
CASUALTIES OF WAR TIE-IN!

Only three months back on the job, and they're crawling out of the woodwork. The gangsters and hoods with old axes to grind – them you expected, but not this guy: Someone who knows you, someone who wants your undivided attention and is willing to do anything to get it. And certainly not the fugitive Captain America, who shows up at your doorstep, wanting a word. Maybe he thinks he can harness all your excess energy into something useful...something that can aid him in his grudge match with Tony Stark in the CIVIL WAR tearing through the Marvel U? Maybe this war is worth winning at any cost? And you get to think ng

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NEW AVENGERS: ILLUMINATI # 1 (OF 5)

Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS & BRIAN REED

Pencils & Cover by JIM CHEUNG

The Illuminati is a secret organization comprised of several of the world's most powerful heroes: Sorcerer Supreme Doctor Strange, Black Bolt, King of the Inhumans, Charles Xavier, founder of the X-Men and mutant rights activist, Reed Richards, founding member of the Fantastic Four, Namor the Sub-Mariner, King of Atlantis and Iron Man (Anthony Stark), founding member of the Avengers.

These six men have worked together to mold and shape the status of the superhuman world and the world around it.

How and what they have done together has remained a mystery..

UNTIL NOW.

Writers Brian Michael Bendis (Avengers, Ultimate Spider-Man) and Brian Reed (Ms. Marvel) have joined together with Jim Cheung (Young Avengers) to reveal this untold story of the Marvel Universe and the Illuminati's actions affect today!

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newuniversal # 1

Written by WARREN ELLIS

Penciled by SALVADOR LARROCA

Planet Earth. Inhabited by six billion people. People leading ordinary lives, coping with everyday struggles. But on a night like any other, the Earth is rocked by the most startling celestial event ever witnessed by the human race. The White Event. And from its wake, a handful of humans emerge as something more.

Acclaimed writer Warren Ellis (NEXTWAVE) and superstar artist Salvador Larroca (X-MEN) bring you this new universe — a universe witnessing superhuman power for the first time.

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Interior art from newuniversal #1

NEXTWAVE: AGENTS OF H.A.T.E. #11

Written by WARREN ELLIS
Pencils and Cover by STUART IMMONEN

"NOT A CIVIL WAR TIE IN"

Freedom or safety? Secrets or celebrity? Iron Man or Captain America? WE DON'T CARE! What care we for freedom OR safety when there are things that need to be kicked and exploded! Yes, "explode" can now be used as a verb. DEAL WITH IT!

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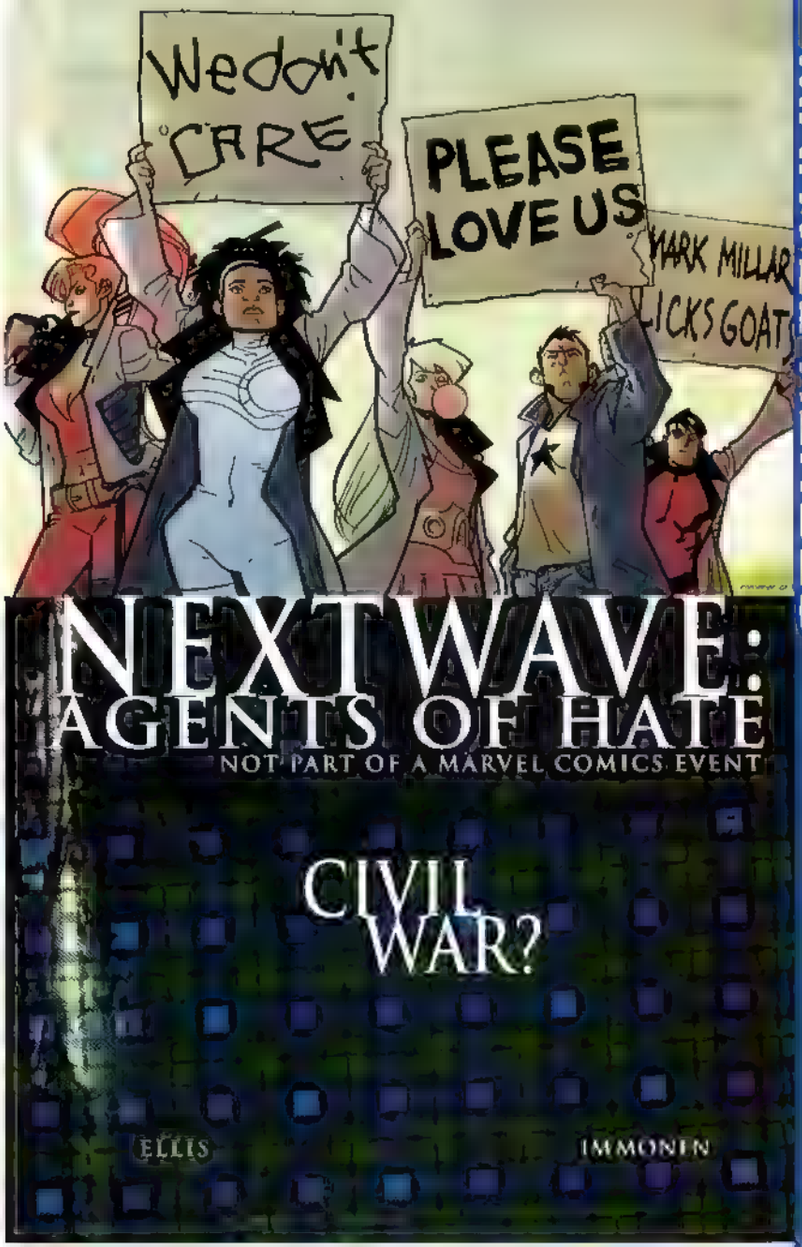

MS. MARVEL #10

Written by BRIAN REED
Pencils & Cover by MIKE WIERINGO

Carol Danvers must face herself and the terrible things she has done. Special guest X-Men **Rogue** and **Beast** appear, Carol finds a new romantic interest, and Ms. Marvel's life begins a frightening new chapter... all in one issue! Special guest artist Mike Wieringo (Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man) joins writer Brian Reed for a very dark moment in the life of Ms. Marvel.

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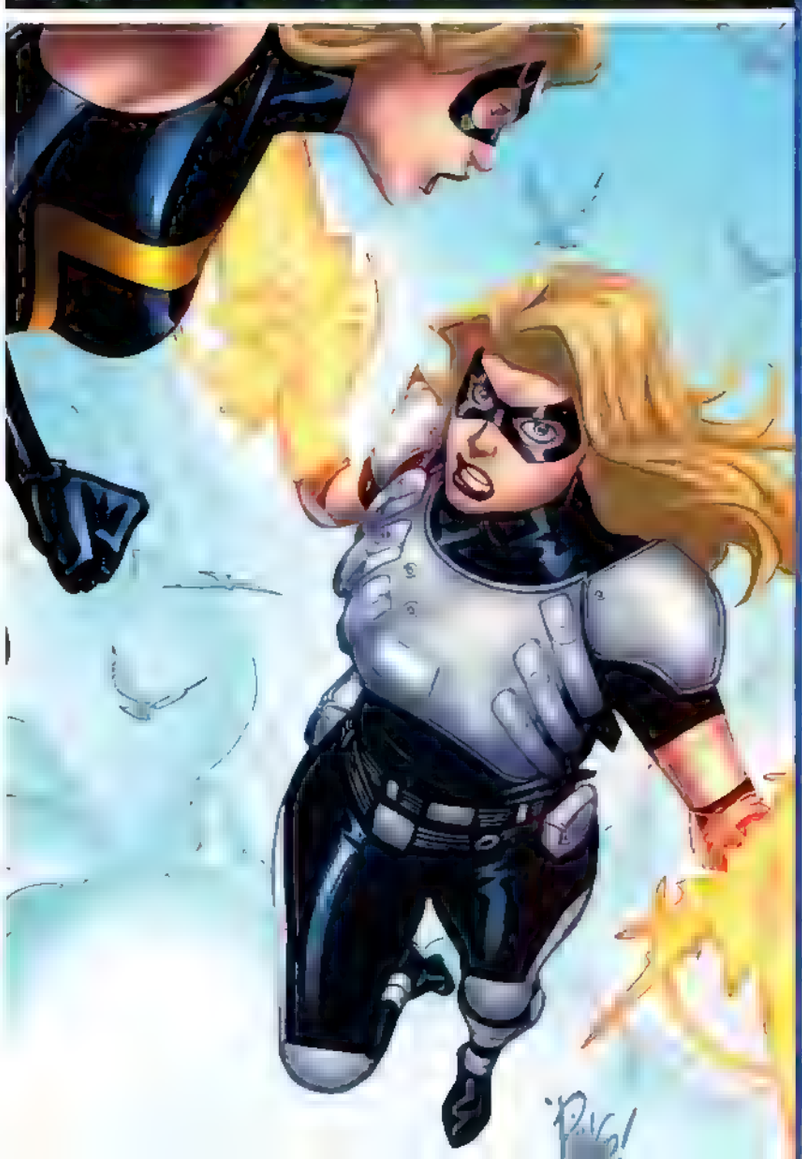

ONSLAUGHT REBORN #2 (of 5)

Written by JEPH LOEB
Pencils & Cover by ROB LIEFELD
Variant Cover by JOE MADUREIRA

The battle for the fate of the Marvel Universe has begun! The Fantastic Four are joined by Hulk, Thor, Captain America, and the Avengers—all going head-to-head against the most dangerous creature ever created. Onslaught! All-out action as only Jeph Loeb and Rob Liefeld can deliver!

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CIVIL WAR

PUNISHER WAR JOURNAL #2

Written by MATT FRACTION
Pencils & Cover by ARIEL OLIVETTI

CIVIL WAR Tie-In!

Hey there, Marvel Universe. He's back. Taking no prisoners. Literally. With Civil War in full throttle mode, Frank Castle decides to take a side. Question is, does it want him? Makes no difference for the Punisher. He's a soldier and this is war. Get in line or get out of his way. Hop on board this star-studded Civil War tie-in brought to you by rising star Matt Fraction *(Casanova)*, with eye-popping art by superstar artist Ariel Olivetti *(Space Ghost)*.

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SHE-HULK #14

Written by DAN SLOTT
Penciled by RICK BURCHETT
Cover by GREG HORN

"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Awesome Andy But Were Afraid to Ask."

Ever wonder how the Mad Thinker's Awesome Android BECAME Awesome Andy? It's the origin you never expected—complete with a bombastic battle against the MIGHTY THOR! And an ending that'll knock your block off!

Also, in the aftermath of CIVIL WAR, She-Hulk's life takes one more life-altering turn, courtesy of a mysterious cast member from the pages of the INCREDIBLE HULK... Miss this issue at your own peril, gamma-fans! Because this builds into the start of next month's... PLANET (w/o a) HULK! So spend $2.99 for it now... or a gazillion for it later on eBay. Just don't say we didn't warn ya!

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RUNAWAYS #23

Written by BRIAN VAUGHAN
Penciled by ADRIAN ALPHONA
Cover by JO CHEN

"LIVE FAST, Part Two of Three"

As a new enemy turns Runaway against Runaway, the teen heroes must risk everything to prevent losing another teammate forever.

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THUNDERBOLTS #109

Written by FABIAN NICIEZA
Pencils & Cover by TOM GRUMMETT

"Weight of the World"

With the Thunderbolts decimated after the events of the Guardian Protocols, Songbird must try to salvage what is left of the team and prepare for a brand-new future. But a new direction hinges on the return of an old friend... who might be too crazy even for the T-Bolts!

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UNION JACK #4 (OF 4)

Written by CHRISTIOS GAGE
Pencils & Cover by MIKE PERKINS

It all comes down to this – the final battle between Union Jack, his allies and the terrorist forces of RAID in the heart of London! But could a victory bring about the worst moment of Union Jack's career? Things change forever for Britain's champion in this explosive final issue!

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WHAT IF? X-MEN
DEADLY GENESIS

Written by DAVID HINE
Pencils & Cover by DAVID YARDIN

In the best-selling and history-making limited series X-Men: Deadly Genesis, Professor X sent a secret team of young mutants to rescue the X-Men from the living island, Krakoa, before he sent the now-famous All-New, All-Different team. This secret second team was destroyed and this eventually led to the deadly corruption of its powerful leader, Vulcan. But what if this second team HAD survived? Today, Vulcan is a celebrity hero who leads a new team of X-Men. But when Krakoa is found drifting in space, it holds a terrible secret that threatens the fate of this new generation of mutants.

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WHAT IF? X-MEN AGE OF APOCALYPSE

Written by RICK REMENDER
Penciled by DAVE WILKINS
Cover by MARKO DJURJEVIC

What if Legion killed Magneto and Xavier? With no leader to create any incarnation of X-Men to resist the onslaught of Apocalypse, the new world is a horrific finalized vision of Apocalypse's dream. On the dawn of the twenty-year anniversary of the murders of Magneto and Xavier, we follow a small group consisting of Earth's remaining heroes, led by Nate Summers as they stage a final offensive in an attempt to escape this twisted reality altogether.

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WHITE TIGER #2 (OF 6)

Written by TAMORA PIERCE & TIMOTHY LIEBE
Penciled by PHIL BRIONES
Covers by DAVID MACK

"A HERO'S COMPULSION"

Angela del Toro, the new White Tiger, has exploded onto the superhero scene. During her costumed debut, Del Toro unleashed a wave of bone-shattering hurt. However she learned that the pain train goes both ways as she was left bleeding by Sano Orii and the new Cobra! Following the trail of a shadow syndicate known as Chaeyi, del Toro arrives at the doorstep of a nightspot known as the Genosha Club. Further complicating things are her strange relationship with the new Daredevil on the scene and visits from the webhead himself, Spider-Man. Good guys or bad guys—no one is going to stop del Toro from kicking crime in the teeth and getting answers. A new hero, new problems, and new, but deadly consequences—the grit is about to hit the fan!

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INTERIOR ART FROM WHITE TIGER #1

WONDER MAN # 1 (of 5)

Written by PETER DAVID

Pencils & Cover by ANDREW CURRIE

"MY FAIR SUPER HERO"

Meet Lady Killer—the dangerous assassin who comes head-to-head with the Avenger called Wonder Man! But Wonder Man doesn't want to just stop her—he's made a bet with a movie producer to rehabilitate her into a hero! Is this too much for even the mighty Simon Williams? Fortunately, he's got Ms. Marvel and X-Men's Beast in his corner..

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ASTONISHING X-MEN #20

Written by JOSS WHEDON

Pencils & Cover by JOHN CASSADAY (50/50 COVER SPLIT)

"UNSTOPPABLE"

The secret is out! With the knowledge that Colossus is the mutant destined to destroy Breakworld, what will Ord's next move be?! And what exactly has happened to Cyclops?! Part 2 (of 6)!

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CABLE & DEADPOOL #35

Written by FABIAN NICIEZA
Penciled by REILLY BROWN
Cover by TOM RANEY

The divorce is final, and now come the bitter recriminations. But where DEADPOOL is concerned, that means dredging up the ghosts of every person he's ever KILLED – and trying to understand WHY he did it and how he FELT about it – that's right, Wade must confront his MANLY FEELINGS of MAYHEM! The agony might very well prove too much... but what does Deadpool do if the only person capable of getting these ghosts out of his head is the person responsible for putting them there ..?

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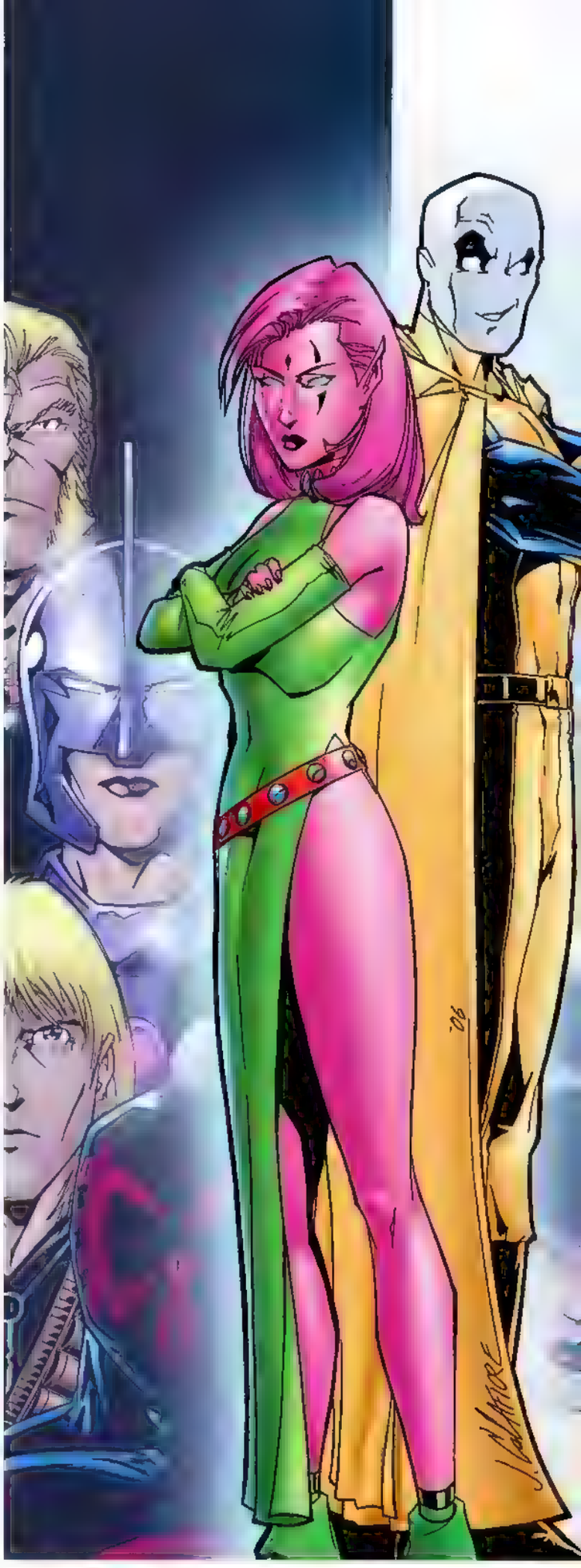

EXILES #89

Written by TONY BEDARD
Pencils & Cover by
JAMES CALAFIORE

"WALLFLOWER" Part 1 (of 1)

A stand-alone issue focusing on an Exile that's been out of action of late, Thunderbird! Comatose in a stasis wall, the fallen Exile is dreaming of a world where he had stayed with the team! What would have changed?! And would the team have been better off?! An Exiles issue fans cannot miss!

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EXILES ANNUAL # 1

Written by TONY BEDARD

Pencils & Cover by JIM CALAFIORE

They've battled world-class threats of every kind imaginable and always won, but now the Exiles take on an unbeatable enemy: themselves! It's the ORIGINAL Exiles versus the current team lineup in an impossible battle that cuts to the heart of Marvel's most unpredictable series!

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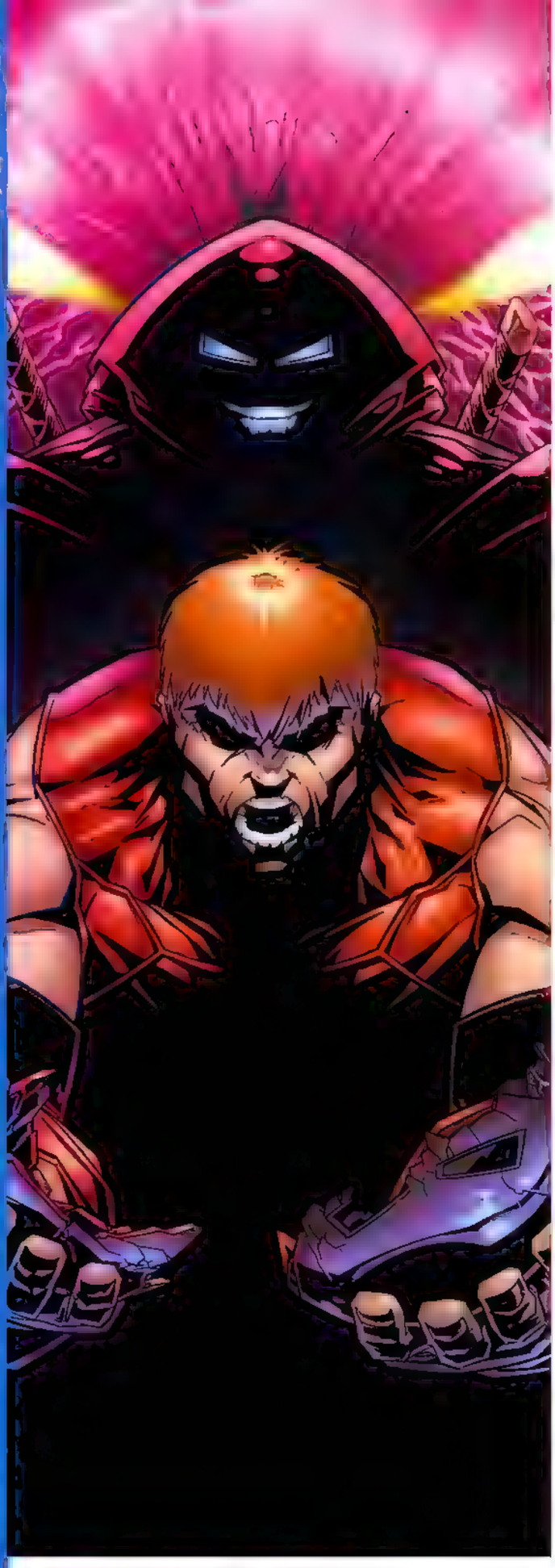

NEW EXCALIBUR #14

Written by FRANK TIERI
Pencils and Cover by JIM CALAFIORE

"UNREDEEMED"

The Juggernaut isn't as unstoppable as he used to be, and he plans on changing that! The Juggernaut travels to Asia to recover the Cytorrak Gem! But does that mean that the Juggernaut of old will return?! New Excalibur is hot on his trail and may end up caught in Juggernaut's path of destruction! Part 2 (of 3)!

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NEW X-MEN #33

Written by CHRISTOPHER YOST & CRAIG KYLE
Pencils & Cover by PACO MEDINA

"MERCURY FALLING" Part 1 (OF 4)

New Arc! X-23's past returns to haunt the New X-Men. Sure, the team needs a break after the horror and insanity of the last year, but TOO BAD! When Wolverine brought X-23 back into the Institute, only Emma Frost tried to stop it. Here and now, you'll find out why she was RIGHT. The fallout from X-23: TARGET X begins here!

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UNCANNY X-MEN #481

Written by ED BRUBAKER

Pencils & Cover by BILLY TAN

"THE RISE AND FALL OF THE SHI'AR EMPIRE"

The Shi'Ar Empire is crumbling at the hands of Vulcan! The X-Men, with Professor X captured search for the one group of heroes that can save them and all of the Shi'Ar...the Starjammers! Part 7 (of 12)!

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WOLVERINE #49

Written by ROB WILLIAMS
Pencils & Cover by LAURENCE CAMPBELL

SPECIAL DOUBLE-SIZED XMAS SPECIAL: "BETTER TO GIVE..."

It's Christmas Eve, and a heavily armed suicide cult–clad in elf outfits–has taken hostage a mid-Manhattan department store and is threatening to blow the place sky high. Among the shoppers: Logan, who's just itching to sink his (Santa) claws into someone after enduring the Yuletide rush. Should be easy for a damn-near invulnerable force of nature to save the day, right? Think again. All is not as it seems, as a spoiled billionaire's daughter is about to find out, and the true meaning of Christmas will be spelt out...in blood.

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WOLVERINE: ORIGINS #9

Written by DANIEL WAY
Penciled by STEVE DILLON
Cover by JOE QUESADA
50/50 Cover by MARK TEXEIRA

"SAVIOR", PART 4 OF 5

Logan has to move fast. Dum-Dum Dugan is hot on his trail, Black Widow is being less than cooperative, and Omega Red is only hours away from obtaining what both he and Logan are after. The carbonadium synthesizer. It's a breakneck race toward a sure-to-be bloody finish, with Jubilee's life in the balance!

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X-23: TARGET X #1 (OF 6)

Written by CRAIG KYLE & CHRISTOPHER YOST
Pencils & Cover by MIKE CHOI
Variant Cover by MARKO DJURDJEVIC

Because you demanded it! Superstar Top Cow artist MIKE CHOI joins the team as X-23 returns, picking up the bloody pieces where her first mini-series left off. Having escaped the Facility that created her, X-23 struggles to create a real life for herself. But when your entire life has been about death and destruction, can you ever really escape the darkness? The rest of the story begins here, and won't end until X-23 faces off with the one man most responsible for her life... WOLVERINE

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INTERIOR ART FROM X-23: TARGET X #1

X-FACTOR # 14

Written by PETER DAVID

Pencils & Cover by PABLO RAIMONDI

Five words to strike fear into the hearts of spies and evildoers everywhere: Jamie Madrox, Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. Except Madrox has decided that it's time to start gathering in the stray dupes that are still wandering around, the S.H.I.E.L.D. agent doesn't especially want to go...and S.H.I.E.L.D. isn't especially inclined to let him go.

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X-MEN #194

Written by MIKE CAREY

Pencils & Cover by CHRIS BACHALO

"PRIMARY INFECTION" Part 1 (of 3)!

Having barely survived their first mission as a team, Rogue's squad immediately find themselves up against another new mysterious threat! What does the man called Pan want with the X-Men, and what is he willing to do to get it?!

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X-MEN: FIRST CLASS #4 (OF 8)

Written by JEFF PARKER
Penciled by ROGER CRUZ
Cover by MARKO DJURDJEVIC

What dark force concerns Professor X and his gifted students as well as Dr. Strange, Master of the Mystic Arts? The answer lies in the ruby reality of the entity known as Cytorrak!

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X-MEN: PHOENIX - WARSONG #4 (OF 6)

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Written by GREG PAK
Penciled by TYLER KIRKHAM
Cover by MARC SILVESTRI

It's the X-Men vs. the Cuckoos! Something in their heads has set the Cuckoos off to annihilate everything in their way! Is it the Phoenix?! Or something even more sinister?! Part 4 (of 5)!

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HELLSTORM: SON OF SATAN #3 (OF 5)
Written by ALEXANDER IRVINE
Penciled by RUSSELL BRAUN
Cover by ARTHUR SUYDAM

"EQUINOX," PART 3

Demons have descended on New Orleans, harvesting body parts in a furious race to reassemble a being of unlimited power, a being whose resurrection is too terrible to contemplate. Daimon Hellstorm has got only one option to thwart the demons' plot. Locate just one piece – one key body part without which the entity can never, ever be whole – and make sure no one finds it. Just how far is Daimon ready to go? Find out. He's not called the Son of Satan for nothing.

This is The Son of Satan as you've never seen him before, brought to you by acclaimed novelist Alexander Irvine (The Narrows), with searing art by Russell Braun (Animal Man) and Klaus Janson.

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PUNISHER #42

Written by GARTH ENNIS
Penciled by LEANDRO FERNANDEZ
Cover by TIM BRADSTREET

'MAN OF STONE," CONCLUSION

Despite being boxed in, outmanned and outgunned, Frank Castle stared down General Nikolai Alexandrovich Zakharov, "The Man of Stone," ready to resolve unfinished business. Now, stranded in the mountains of Afghanistan, Frank contemplates the two promises he's made to Kathryn O'Brien. One he's already kept. The other, he's about to. This is more than just punishment...it's payback.

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WISDOM #2 (OF 6)

Written by PAUL CORNELL

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People in Wiltshire are having nightmares. This wouldn't be a problem if there weren't soldiers from the nearby military base shooting the place up because of their bad dreams. It's up to Pete Wisdom and MI 13 to get to the bottom of it. Little do they know that this threat threatens all of Great Britain and the whole world!

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ZOMBIE #4 (OF 4)

Written by MIKE RAICHT

Pencils & Cover by KYLE HOTZ

With a thousand zombies in front of him and two homicidal bank robbers behind him, Simon Garth has gone from innocent bystander to live zombie-bait in less than 24 hours. But will Simon have the guts -- and the brains -- to survive a no-win situation? With a mysterious zombie plague spreading like wildfire -- and threatening to consume all of New York -- he'd better! Good thing this is a MAX book! Don't miss the stomach-wrenching conclusion to this flesh munching MAX limited series by Mike Raicht and Kyle Hotz

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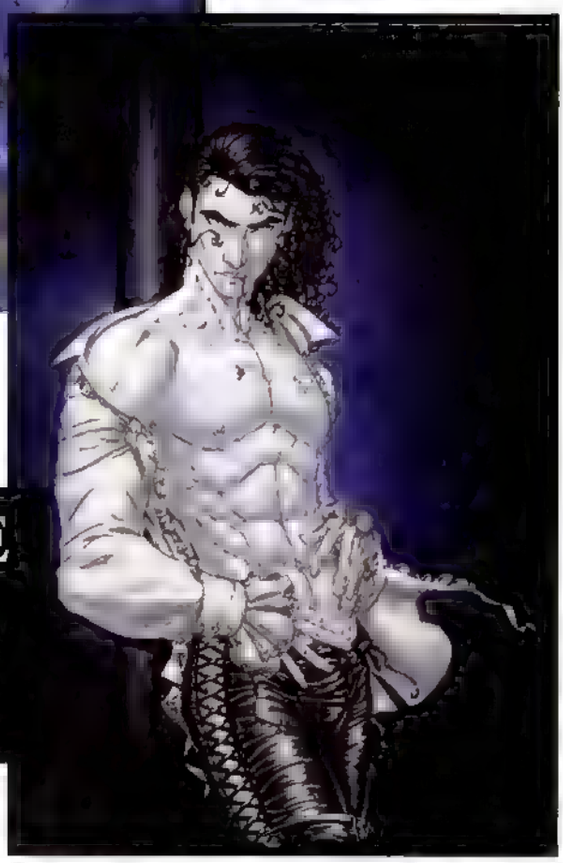

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ANITA BLAKE: VAMPIRE HUNTER in GUILTY PLEASURES #1 (of 12)
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Adapted by STACIE M. RITCHIE
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In a world where vampires and were-creatures are legal citizens of the United States, Anita Blake is an animator, raising the dead for a living. But she's also known as the "Executioner," a deadly hunter who slays vampires who have gone beyond their legal rights and become monsters in the eyes of society. For this reason, she avoids vampires whenever possible. But an impromptu bacherlorette party for a close friend brings her down into St. Louis's vampire district, and into a vampire strip club known as "Guilty Pleasures." But Anita senses that the place is more dangerous for her than it should be, and a surprise attack confirms her darkest suspicions! Adapted from the bestselling romantic horror novel by Laurell K. Hamilton, ANITA BLAKE: VAMPIRE HUNTER in GUILTY PLEASURES is an "Grown Up Buffy" adventure that is sure to seduce readers into picking up every issue!

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Written by LAURELL K. HAMILTON
Adapted by STACIE M. RITCHIE
Pencils & Cover by BRETT BOOTH

Anita Blake tries to stay away from vampires whenever she can - after all, she's known as "the Executioner" among her kind after killing so many of them when they've gone beyond their legal status. And yet she finds herself battling the vampire Aubrey in the "Guilty Pleasures" night club after a particularly poorly planned bacherlorette party. But Aubrey is the least of her worries when another vampire named Jean-Claude takes her to see Nikolaos, the vampire master of St. Louis, especially when Anita finds herself trapped in a dungeon that is swarming with were-rats!

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ANITA BLAKE: VAMPIRE HUNTER in GUILTY PLEASURES #3 (of 12)
Written by LAURELL K. HAMILTON
Adapted by STACIE M. RITCHIE
Pencils & Cover by BRETT BOOTH

Anita Blake has faced great horrors in her career as a vampire hunter and an animator of the undead, but being left in a dungeon with an army of were-rats is hardly her idea of a good time. Fortunately, she is able to escape when her vampire hosts intercede, but her good luck seems short-lived when she is brought before Nikolaos, the master vampire of St. Louis. What Nikolaos wants is unclear, but one thing is certain - even an experienced vampire hunter like Anita cannot stand against a being as powerful as this! But can she survive the night?

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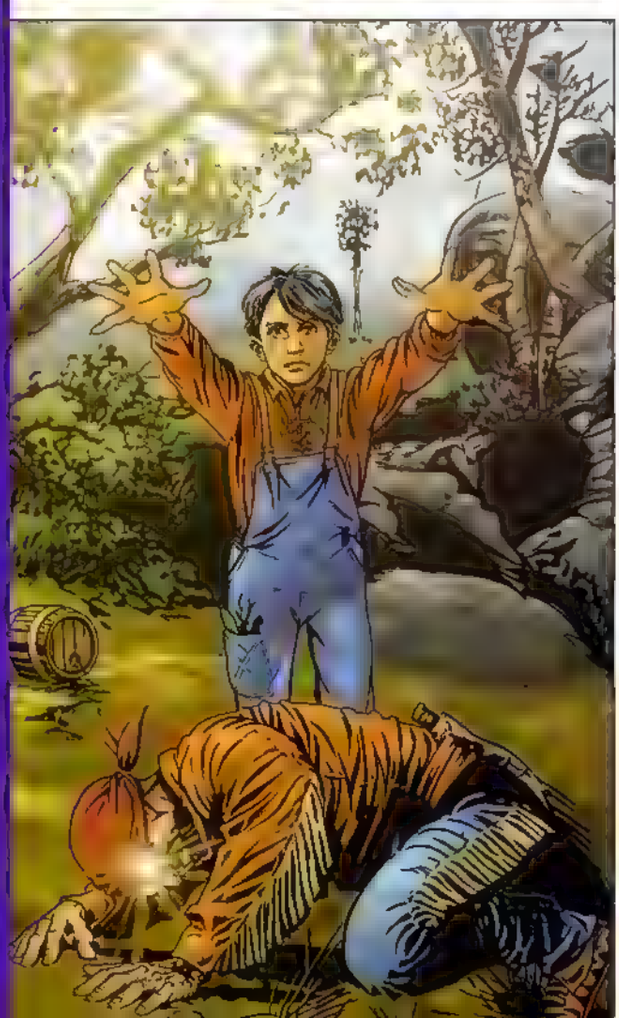

RED PROPHET: THE TALES OF ALVIN MAKER #3 (of 12)

Written by ORSON SCOTT CARD
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Alvin Miller is a young boy with an incredible power – the ability to shape the world around him by "making." But Alvin also had a powerful adversary known as the "Unmaker" that grows stronger every time he uses his ability to create death or destruction. And as the drunken Red man Lolla-Wossiky encounters Alvin for the first time, he realizes he must teach the boy of his great purpose and responsibility before the Unmaker can gain a foothold. But both Alvin and Lolla-Wossiky will be changed forever by the experience, and one of them will go on to become the RED PROPHET while the other will one day build a special place known as the Crystal City...

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RED PROPHET: THE TALES OF ALVIN MAKER #4 (of 12)
Written by ORSON SCOTT CARD
Adapted by ROLAND BERNARD BROWN
Pencils & Cover by RENATO ARLEM

In an alternate history of the American frontier where folk magic actually works, Hooch Palmer finds himself trapped in Carthage City, where things seem to have gone crazy since the rise of the man known as the "Red Prophet." Governor William Henry Harrison throws Hooch in jail for trying to cheat him, but Hooch has a trick of his own up his sleeve - he's a "spark," with the ability to start fires wherever he likes. And Carthage City's going to burn! Adapted from the bestselling novel by Orson Scott Card, RED PROPHET THE TALES OF ALVIN MAKER is a thrill ride through history that readers simply will not want to put down!

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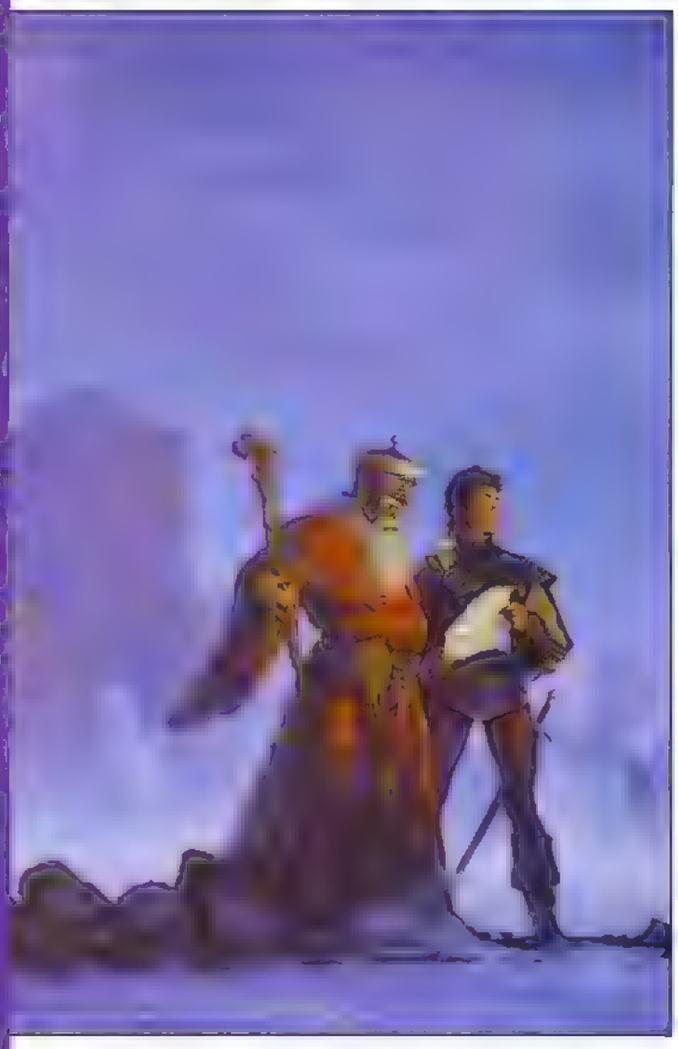

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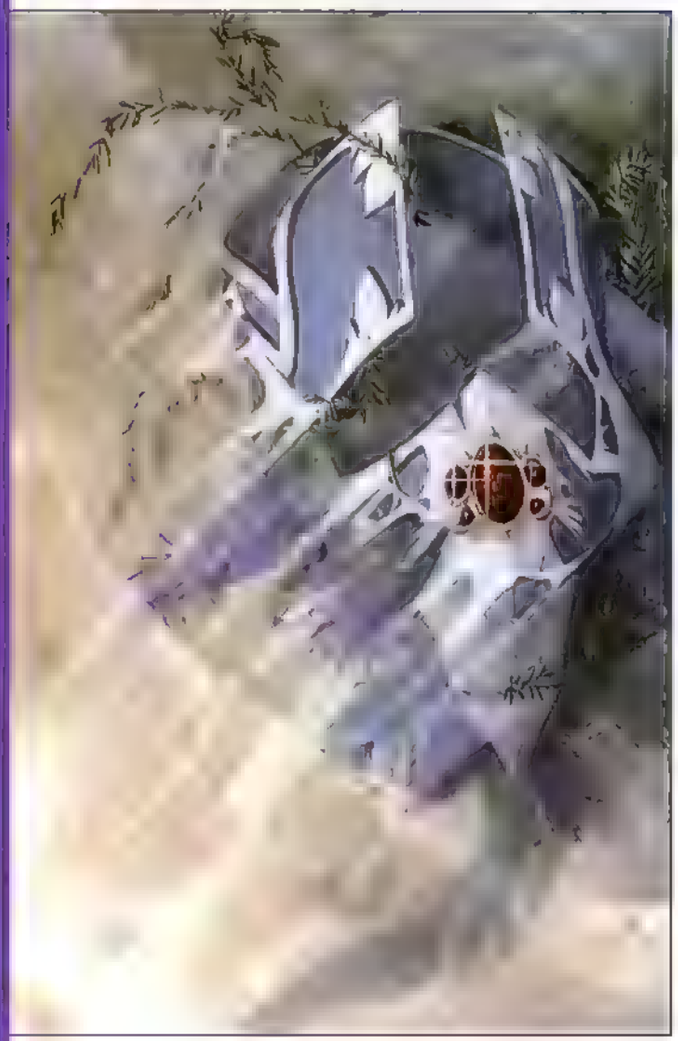

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Adapted By MICHAEL AVON OEMING & BRYAN J.L. GLASS
Pencils & Cover by BRETT BOOTH

The magician's apprentice Pug is infatuated with the Princess Carline, but he has difficulty enjoying her surly attitude as the two of them ride together on horseback during her leisure time. When the two stop for a picnic, however, they are attacked by trolls, who are far too much for the young teenagers to handle on their own! But Pug has a power inside himself unlike anything the world of Midkemia has ever seen, and when the crisis causes it to release, the trolls are the least of his worries!

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MAGICIAN: APPRENTICE #4 (of 12)
Written by RAYMOND E. FEIST
Adapted By MICHAEL AVON OEMING & BRYAN J.L. GLASS
Pencils & Cover by BRETT BOOTH

The Riftwar is coming! Pug and Tomas have discovered the shipwreck of a strange group of foreign invaders, and the court of Crydee is alarmed as the mens' strange armor and weapons are examined. But an even more peculiar twist reveals that these men are not from Midkemia at all - they have traveled through a magical rift to conquer worlds outside their own. Midkemia will soon be overwhelmed by the armies of the Tsurani - unless the rest of the kingdom can be warned in time

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Written by MONTE COOK
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Sheva Callister is a former adventurer and treasure hunter who is supposed to be retired after the death of her partner, Parnell. But a noble from the mysterious city of Ptolus meets her with a special task - he'll give her something she desperately wants if she'll retrieve a special brooch for him. Sheva takes the job, against her better judgment, and soon finds herself in a complex web of deception as some of Ptolus's most infamous residents attempt to kill her and take her hungersword! Written by Monte Cook, one of the co-developers of the D20 gaming system and a major campaign contributor to the worlds of Dungeon & Dragons, PTOLUS: CITY BY THE SPIRE is an incredible adventure through Cook's famous paper-and-pencil game, which is already turning heads for being "the most deluxe campaign set ever developed"!

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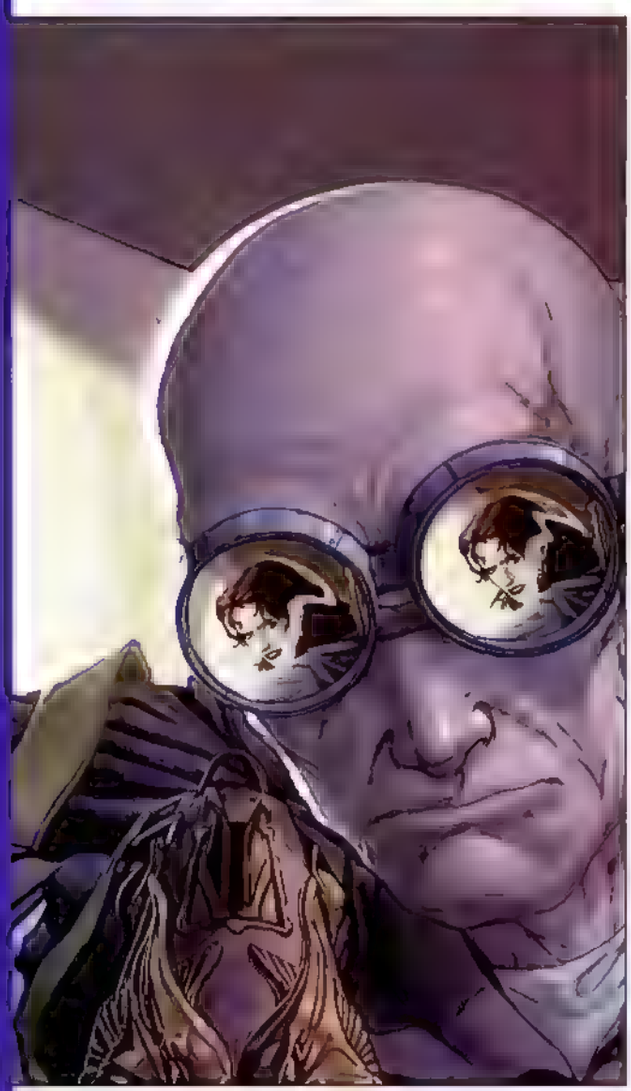

PTOLUS: City by the Spire #3 (of 6)
Written by MONTE COOK
Pencils & Cover by CAANAN WHITE

Sheva Callister is still mourning the disappearance of her dead partner, Parnell, but she won't that stop her from getting revenge on Kevris Killraven, who is apparently behind the wild goose chase she has been sent on throughout the mysterious city of Ptolus. The best way to get back at him is to intrude on a private meeting on the site of an old church, and Sheva has no problem wading through the catacombs below to do so. But it also means heading through an ancient crypt, where a powerful Lich King is said to abide!

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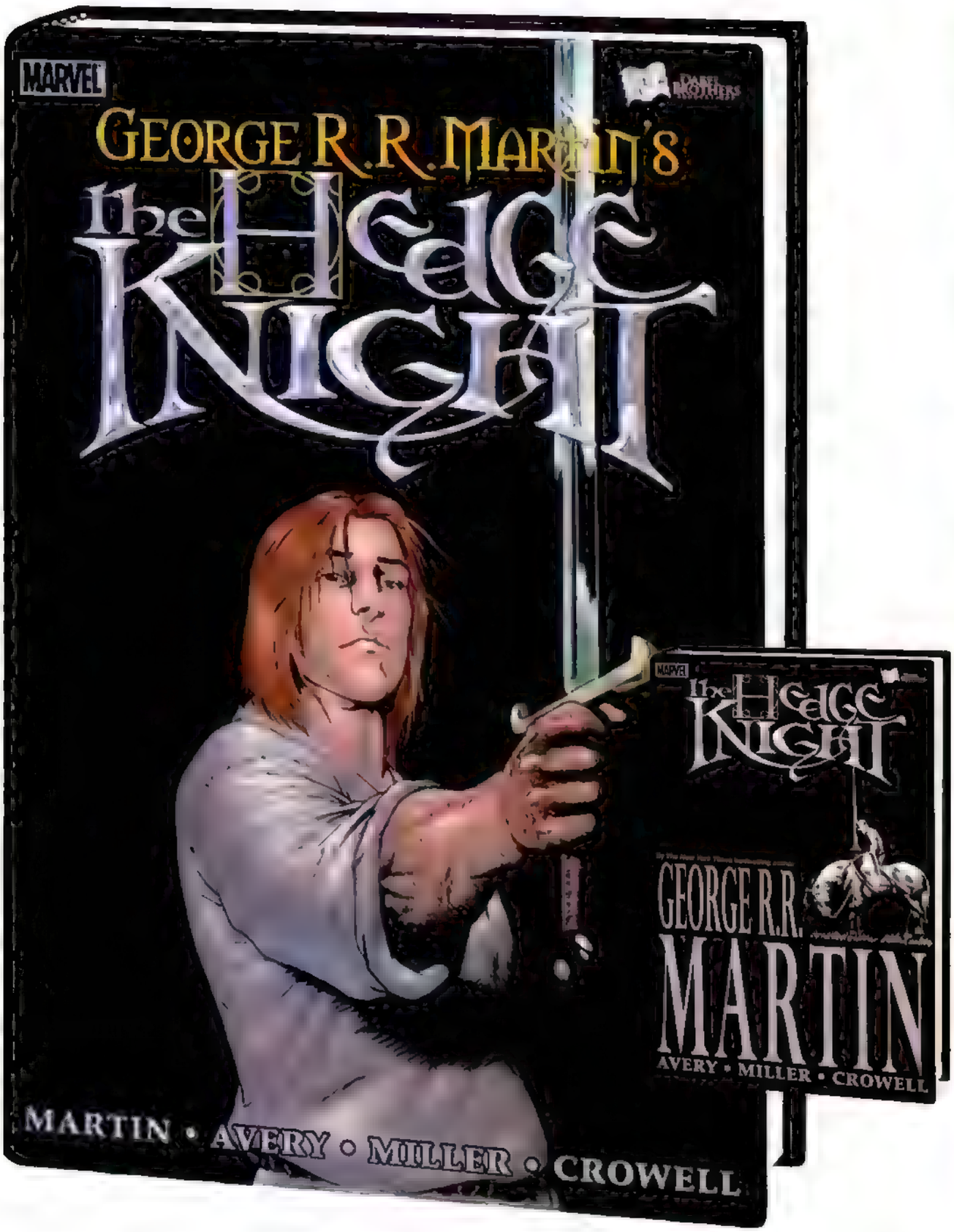

THE HEDGE KNIGHT PREMIERE HC
Written by GEORGE R. R. MARTIN
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A century before the events of New York Times bestselling author George R. R. Martin's epic series, A SONG OF ICE AND FIRE, a squire named Dunk picks up the sword and shield of his dead master and enters a tournament to begin his career as a knight. But 'Ser Duncan' has much to learn about this world of knights and nobles, and as he attempts to find a sponsor who will allow him to enter the tournament, he makes friends and enemies readily. Dunk is a capable fighter and has a strong sense of honor, but is that enough for him to become a true knight in the eyes of the others, or is he just a young man living a delusion and putting those he knows in grave danger? Adapted from the popular novella by George R. R. Martin, this special hardcover edition of THE HEDGE KNIGHT celebrates the original graphic novel, which was beloved by fans and critics alike for its deep storytelling and breathtaking visuals - so much so that the first edition it became one of the bestselling graphic novels of 2004!

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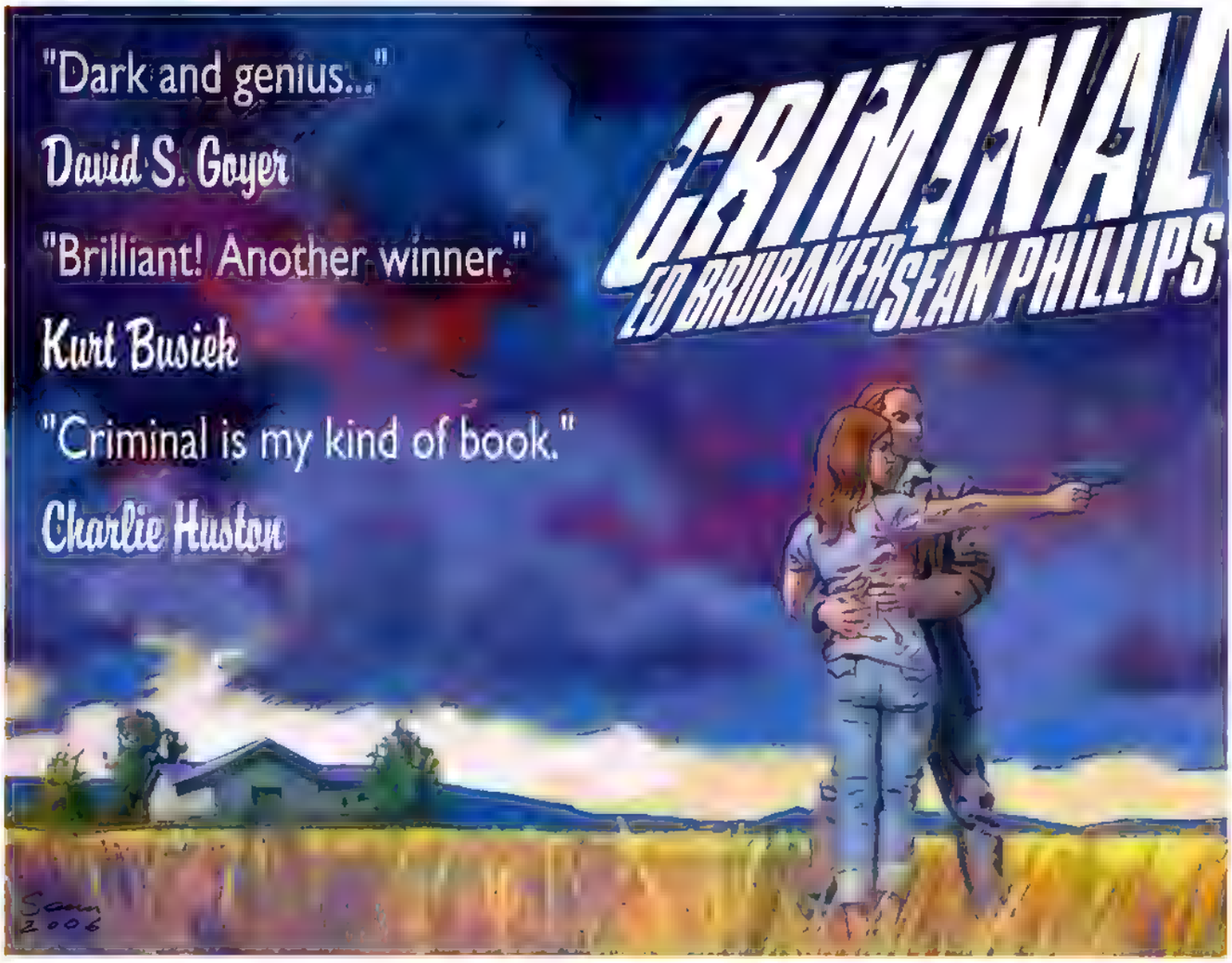

CRIMINAL #3

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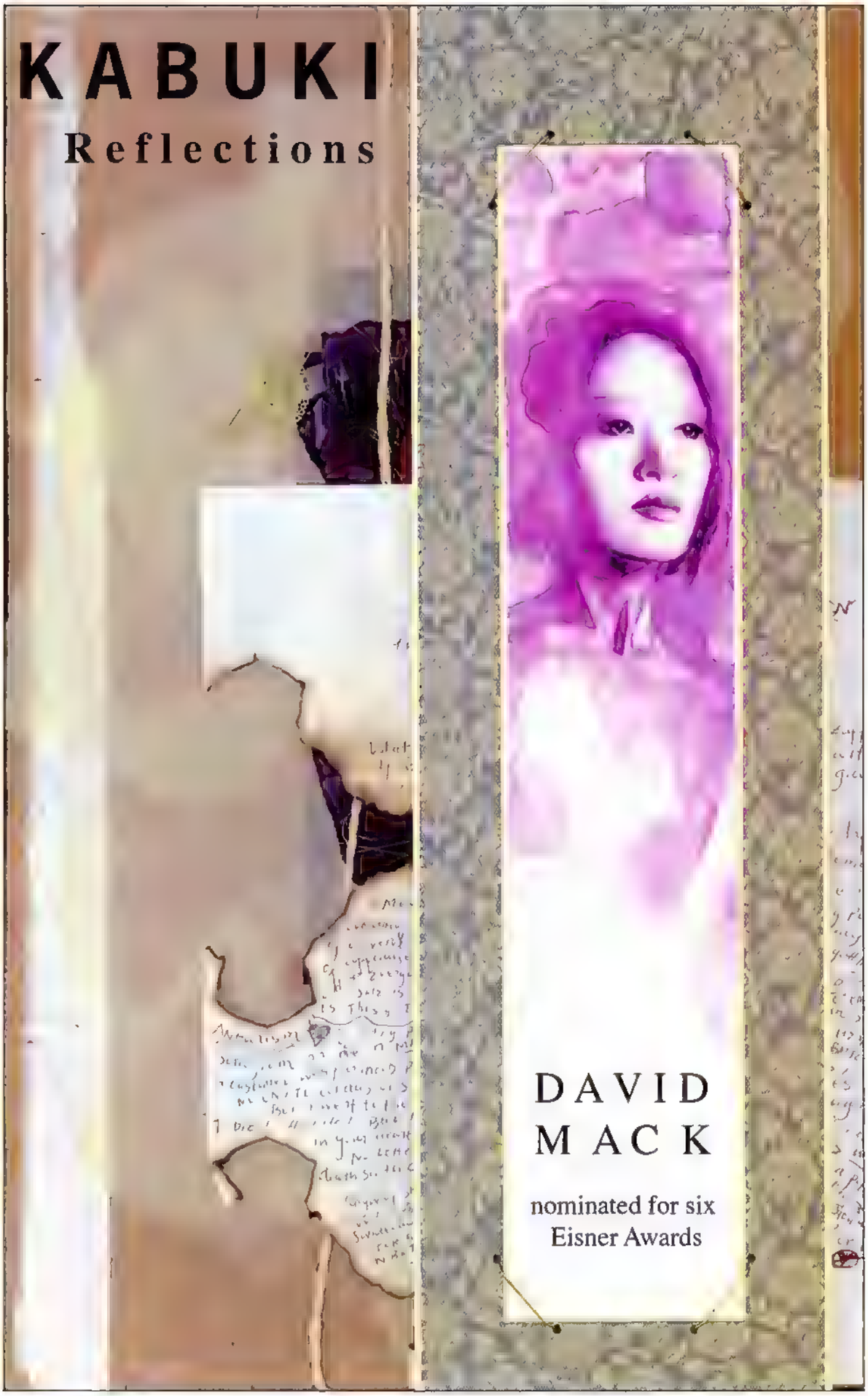

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Written by DAVID MACK
Art & Cover by DAVID MACK

This square-bound volume acts as a tie-in to the documentary on THE ALCHEMY OF ART: DAVID MACK DVD from Herovideoproductions.com, offered in the Video/DVD section of this month's Previews. REFLECTIONS #7 includes details and commentary on the never-before-seen stories, and handmade books and paintings, from the DVD. Also featuring step-by-step art techniques, and loads of art and extras you've never seen before. Ever wonder how David Mack does his artwork? How his pages and covers go from sketches and drawings to finished art? How he uses models, and figure drawings? It's all in here!

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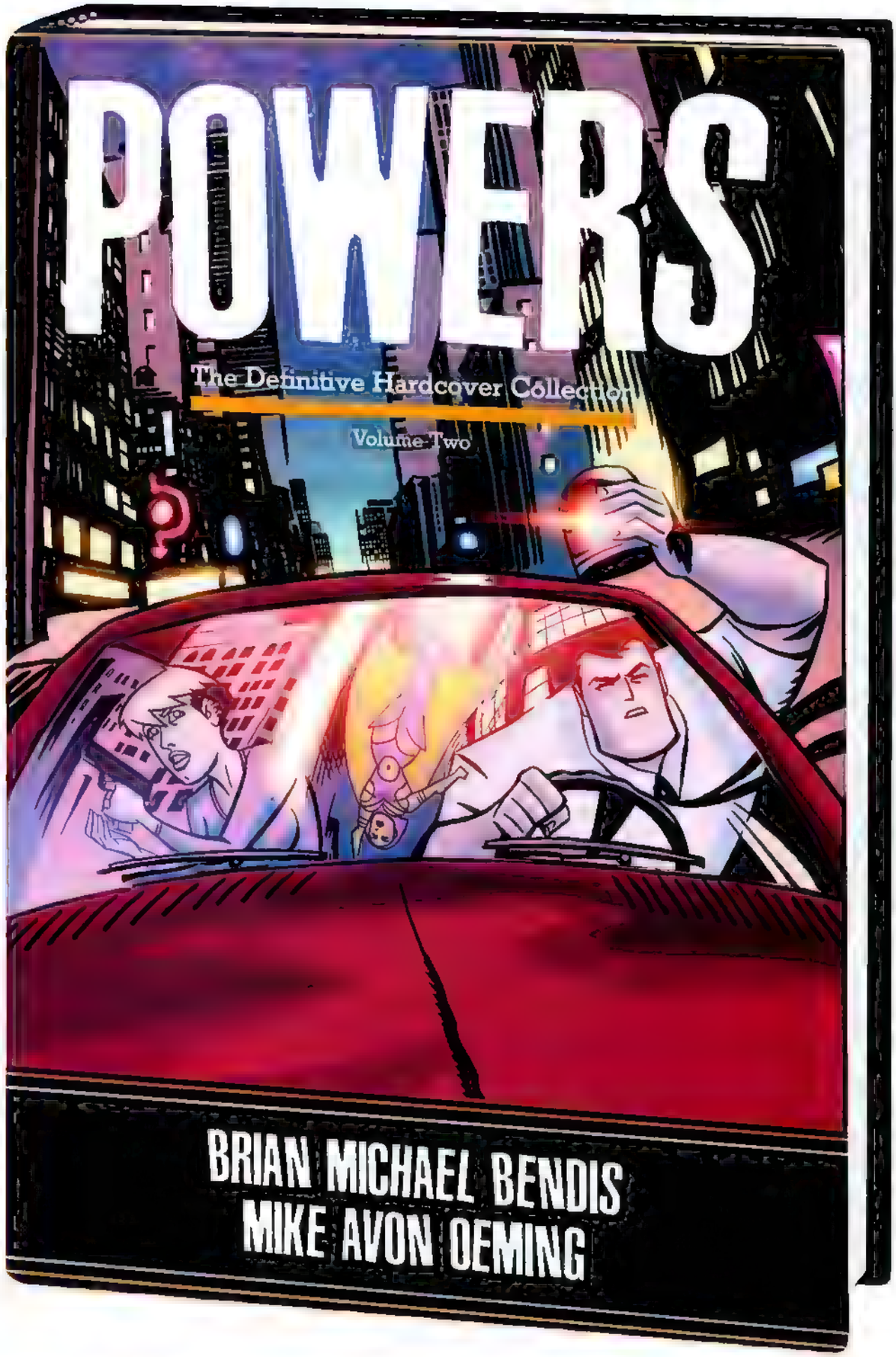

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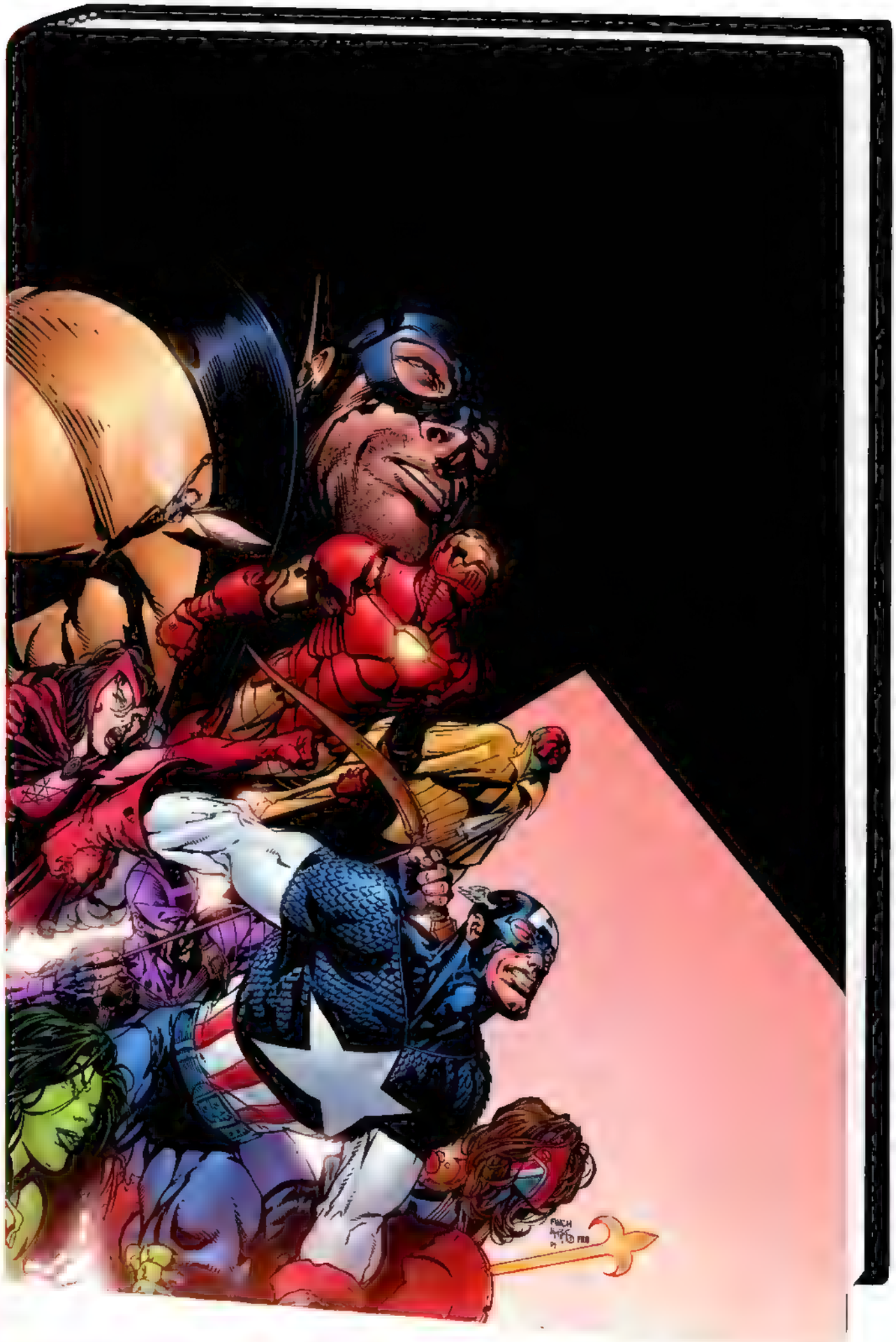

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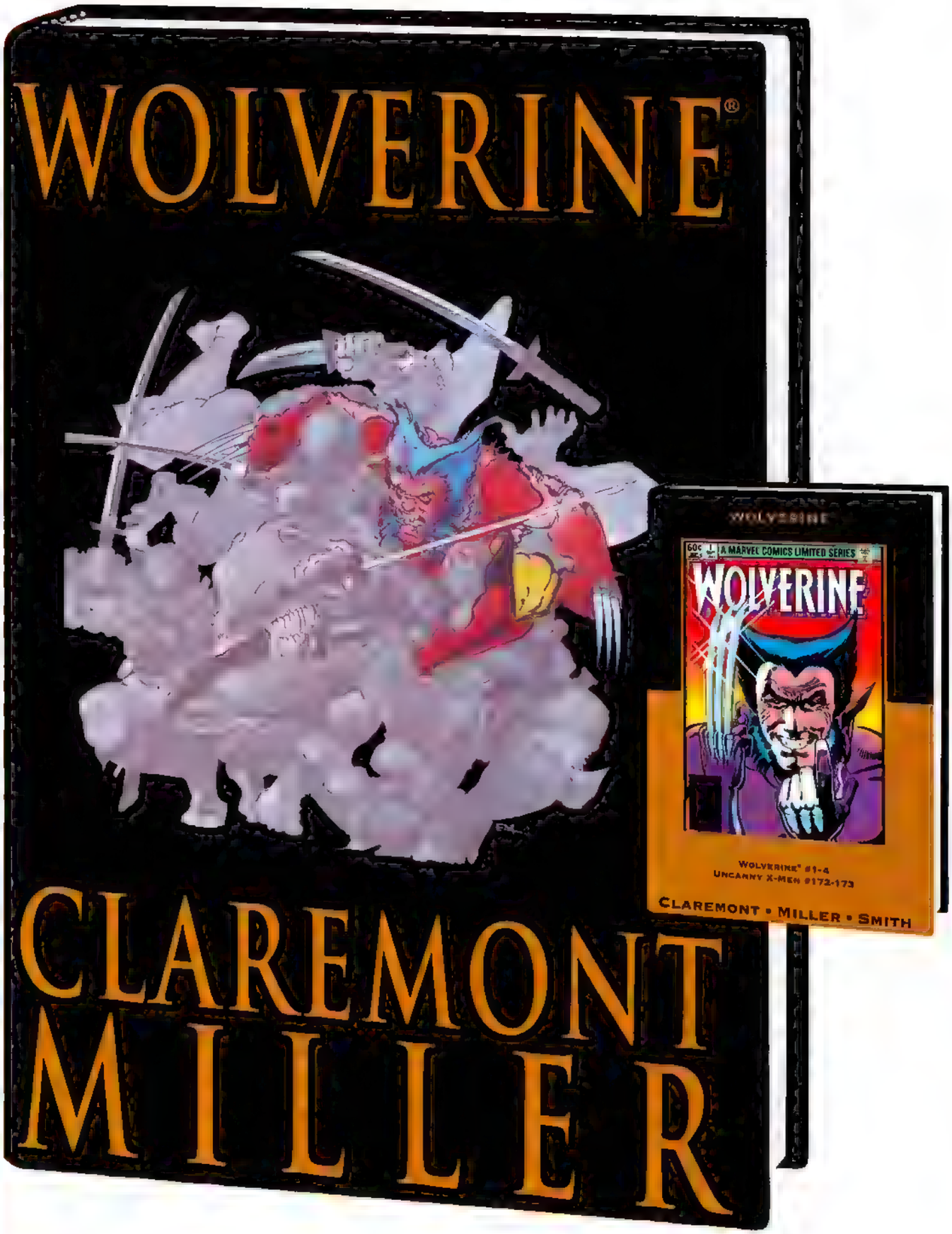

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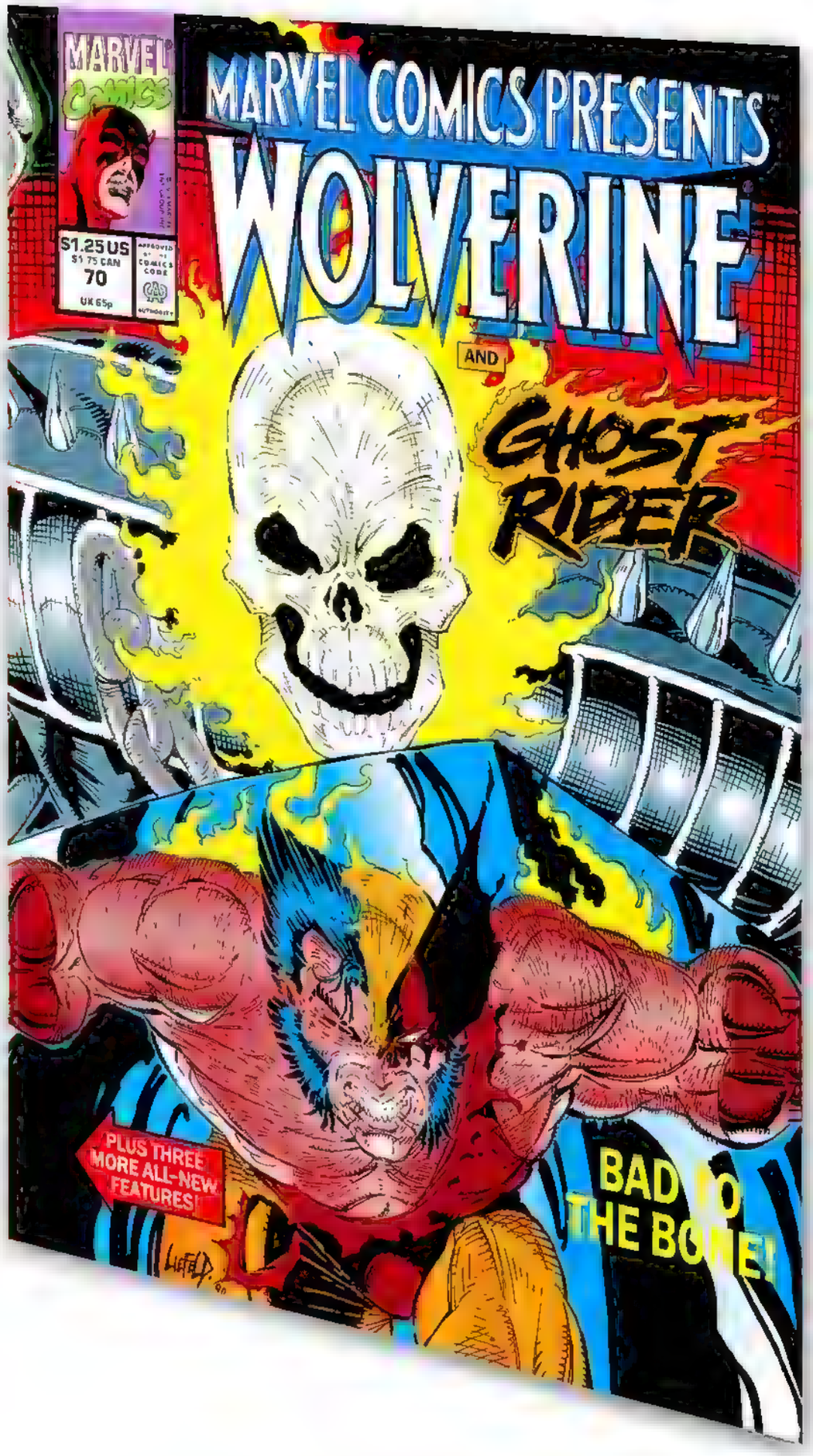

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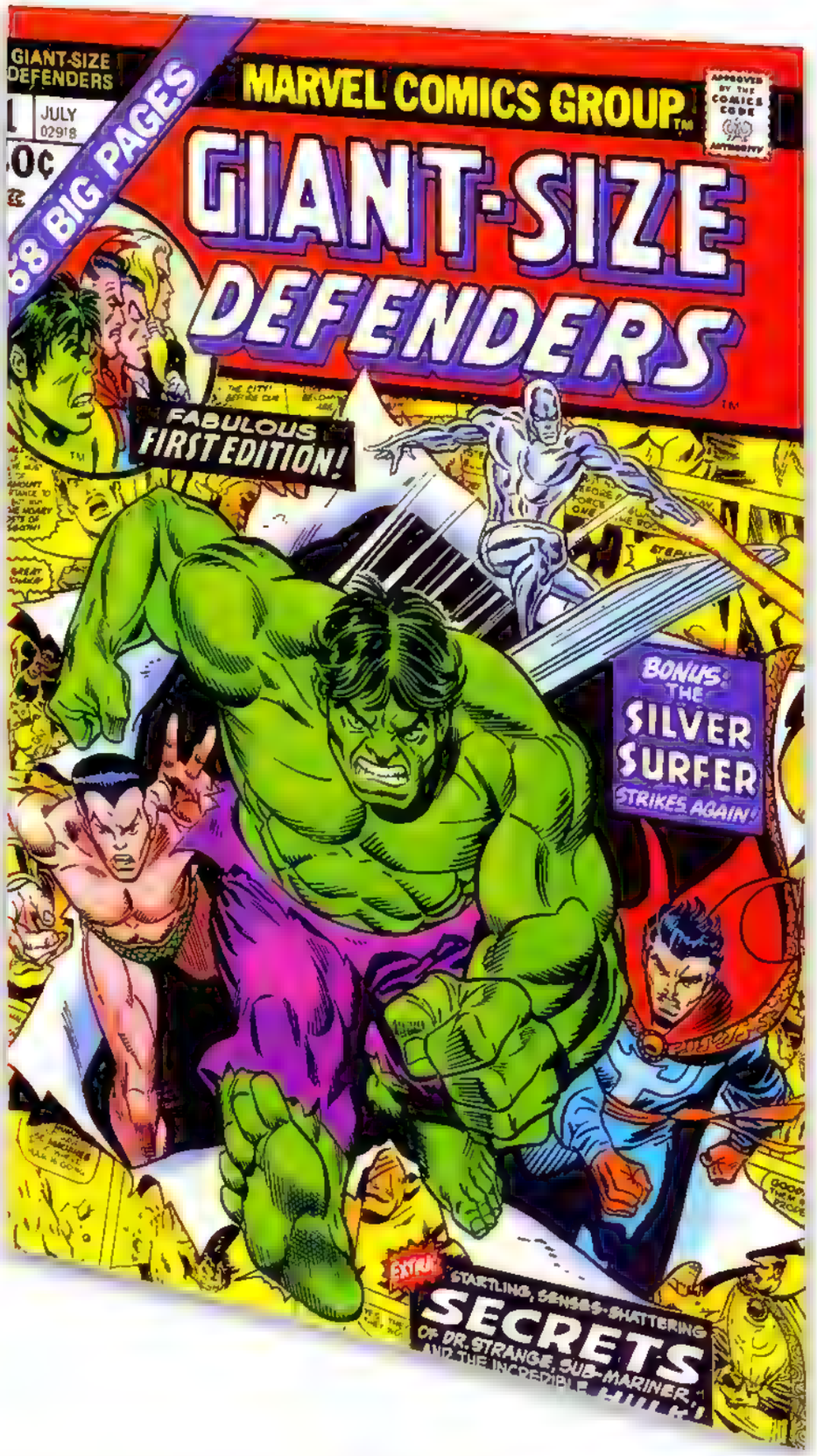

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